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# Nightmare Scenario' Compelled the Queen

### Divorce Might Save Monarchy (But What if Charles Remarries?)

By John Darnton New York Times Service

LONDON — Everyone now agrees that the British monarchy is facing the worst crisis since 1936, when Edward VIII was forced to give up the crown because of his love for an American

What people cannot agree on so easily is how the royal family is going to get out of the predicament caused by the failed 14-year marriage of Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales.

Queen Elizabeth II, who intervened trying to avoid what journalists and others who keep an eye on Buckingham Palace call the "nightmare scenario," which could happen right now if, for example, the queen were to die.

Then the feud between Charles and Diana would be a serious matter indeed. There would be a hostile king and queen on the thrones, each with a separate court and conspiring coteries of attendants and publicists, splitting the House of Wind-sor and very probably bringing the surrogate for middle-class respectability monarchy down.

That ugly prospect is put to rest the instant a divorce decree becomes final, side of marriage. This might be especially because then Diana loses her claim to the true for Mrs. Parker-Bowles, who is now throne. But even with a divorce, the problems do not gn away. Unlike Wallis Simpson, the twice-di-

band, the ex-king, in luxurious but ig-nominious exile in Paris for decades, 34year-old Diana is not about to disappear.

One major question is whether the 47year-old prince would remarry. As every allowed to become king if be married school child here knows, the Church of Mrs. Parker-Bowles. England has its origins in one of history's most celebrated divorces — that of Henry VIII from Catherine of Aragon, which split it from Rome. But the Church of sandying the queen's letter and com-England frowns upon remarriages of di-vorced people, particularly when their hard bargain.

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"Should there be a divorce, the Prince year-old Prince William, and so must of Wales has no intention of remaining the state of Wales has no intention of remaining the state of the record," said was See DIVORCE, Page 6

Alan Percival, Charles's spokesman. But no one at the palace was willing to interpret the statement as meaning that the prince was forever forgoing the possibility of remarriage.

"If asked do you intend to get remarried, the answer is no," said one official in the royal household. "But that's not the same question as 'will you' never ever in your life remarry?' I don't think anyone is ever prepared to answer that question."

Another eventuality that no one in authority is prepared to discuss publicly is what might happen with an unmarried king sitting on the throne. It is untikely that the British press, which has avidly

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documented every twist and turn in the sad saga of the prince's love life so far, would leave him alone.

Nor is it clear that the British public. which since the days of Queen Victoria —erroneously in some cases — would sit still while he carried on relationships outherself divorced but seen by many people-in-the street as a marriage-breaker.

Unlike Wallis Simpson, the twice-di-vorced American who lived with her hus-respected outfit MORI on Nov. 21 found that 61 percent of a sample of 580 adults thought the Waleses should get divorced, but almost as high a percentage - 59 thought Prince Charles should not be

....Another problem for Buckingham Palace is what to do with the Princess of Wales. Her lawyers were reported to be mentators here believe she will strike a

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affair, during his marriage.

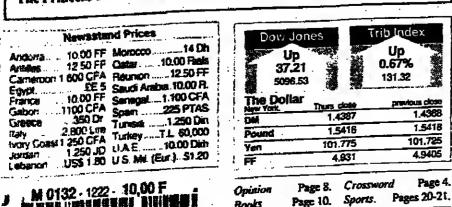
Buckingham Palace on Thursday soon, Mr. Kay told BBC radio.

sough an escape route by announcing his matter what happens, Disna will the prince was thinking of no such thing.

There is a discovery the Prince.



The Princess of Wales leaving her health club in London on Thursday.



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# Election Platform: Cheap Bread, Clean Government

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

ANKARA - For months now, Turkey has used the threat of rising Islamic fundamentalism at home to warn Western allies of the consequences of leaving this Muslim country out in the cold.

Now, on the eve of Sunday's national elections, that threat - once rhetorical is knocking at the door of this bastion of secolarism, as the staunchly Islamic Welfare Party stands poised to enter Parliament as a major player.

talk about their party winning a clear ma-jority in the 550-member Parliament. And few analysts consider it likely that Necmettin Erbaken, the Welfare Party's charis- Welfare Party cannot do much in Par-

matic leader, will emerge as a partner in liament, but it will certainly change the Turkey's next coalition government.

is a chance that the Welfare Party, cam-paigning on promises of cheap bread, clean government and a strong dose of pro-Islamic, anti-Western thetoric, may even emerge as Parliament's largest bloc, perhaps tripling its current 38 seats.

And that, analysts and diplomats in Ankara say, will be ecough to cast a pall over Turkey's image as an outpost of mod-ern democratic stability on Europe's east-Nobody but Welfare leaders themselves ern edge, where for decades it has been a strategic anchor for the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization alliance, Even with 25 percent of the vote, the

atmosphere," said one Western diplomat, But with Turkey's two major parties "and it would have a considerable impact caught in a divisive fight of their own, there on the Mediterranean and Muslim "and it would have a considerable impact

With a ben on the publication of polling results, it is difficult to gauge the level of the Welfare Party's electoral support in the A pilgri final days of a brief but intense electoral campaign. But for anyone who doubted that the Welfare Party's popularity was reaching a critical threshold, there was a thinlyveiled warning from Turkey's powerful military establishment, which publicly anoounced last week it was purging 50 Islamic fundamentalists from its officer corps.
That message, quickly decoded by Turks

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### French Talks Get Off to a Rocky Start

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

PARIS - Prime Minister Alain Juppé, trying to extinguish the labor unrest that wracked the country for almost a month, plans to cut France's deficit.

Meeting with labor union and business leaders in his office for a "social summit" that went on into the evening, Mr. Juppé outlined plans to boost economic growth and asked them to agree on ways of taking on 250,000 additional entry-level workers next year to bring down France's high unemployment rate, now at 11.5 percent.

By Max Berley Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS — Martin Bouygues, chairman

of the world's largest construction com-

pany, Bouygues SA, is expected to be

placed under formal investigation Friday

on suspicion of misuse of company funds.

series of related corruption scandals that

Mr. Bouygues, who inherited control of

the giant company from his father six years

ago, was released by police Wednesday after

news agency Agence France-Presse and the daily Le Monde, the investigating

According to reports Thursday from the

being held for questioning for 34 hours.

have riveted France since 1992.

The news marks the latest installment in a

**Bouygues Chairman Expected** 

To Face Slush-Fund Charge

of paying for the deficit-ridden national deficit the health insurance and pension health insurance and pension system is agreed on oext year.

[The union and employer group representatives both rejected an initial draft statement of conclusions reached during promised Thursday that he would listen to the meeting, Reuters reported from Paris. and negotiate with unions angered by his quoting delegates at the talks.

recess the summit for half an hour while he prepared a new draft, the delegates said. It was the second break of the evening for those attending the much-heralded oegotiations, which began at 3 P.M. and

On the issue of taxes, Mr. Juppé rejected And he said the government would re- calls from within his own cabinet to put off duce payroll taxes and impose a mora- a tax increase set to go into effect Jan. I to

able" for the economic growth needed to [Their action prompted Mr. Juppé to

recessed for about an hour for dinner before resuming at about 9 P.M.]

torium on oew tax increases after a system work off the 230 billion franc (\$46 billion)

judge, Philippe Courroye, has summoned Mr. Bouygues to appear in his chambers in Lyon on Friday. Both reports attributed the

information to unidentified judicial

notified there that a formal investigation has

been opened into accusations that he au-

thorized, between 1988 and 1990, the pay-

ment of more than 2 million francs

(\$400,000) to Pierre Botton, a Lyon busi-

oessman who has been convicted of in-

fluence peddling and fraud. The money was

allegedly disbursed by an African sub-

sidiary of Bouygues and placed in two Swiss

bank accounts in Mr. Botton's name. It was

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They said that Mr. Bouygues would be

system has accumulated so far this decade. Transport Minister Bernard Pons, backed by some other members of Mr. Juppé's conservative majority in Parliament, said before the meeting that post-poning the tax increase was "indispens-

bring down unemployment. Mr. Pons is responsible for the national railroad system, which was shut down for Palestinian state is on the way," said Maha 24 days in a wave of strikes by publicsector employees that began in late November after Mr. Juppé announced plans to reduce the \$60 billion deficit by cutting generous social security benefits that nearly all French workers enjoy.

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The rail strike forced Mr. Juppé to shelve

### Israeli Army Turns Over **Bethlehem** To the PLO

#### Palestinians Celebrate In Manger Square and Prepare for Christmas

By Joel Greenberg

BETHLEHEM, West Bank - Church bells rang and fireworks exploded over Manger Square on Thursday night as the last Israeli soldiers left the town of Bethlehem, handing over the traditional birthplace of Jesus to Palestinian rule after 28

years of occupation.

Blue-clad Palestinian officers, their rifles thrust triumphantly toward the darkening sky, were mobbed by a rapturous crowd as they rode into a police station beside the Church of the Nativity, where Christmas will be celebrated for the first time this year under Palestinian control.

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, is expected in Bethlehem on Sunday to address throngs of Palestinians and participate in a Christmas Eve Mass at the church, built over the reputed site of Jesus's birth.

Security for thousands of tourists and even more Palestinian visitors will this time be in the hands of the Palestinian Authority, which is eager to prove that it can run the celebrations smoothly and safely.

'In Bethlehem we will provide security for all people," promised Hajj Ismail Jaher, the Palestinian police chief in the West Bank, shortly after his forces took control of this town of 40,000 sonth of

A pilgrimage site for Christians from around the world, Bethlehem has become a predominantly Muslim city in recent decades as Christian Palestinians have emigrated in growing oumbers, driven away by unrest in the West Bank, economic hardship and tensions with Muslim neighbors. Some local Christians acknowledged Thursday night that they were concerned about discrimination by the Muslim ma-

jority under Palestinian rule. But these worries were set aside by most people as thousands of Palestinians packed ger Square to celebrate their freedom from Israeli occupation. Bethlebem is the fifth Palestinian town to be handed over by Israel under an accord in September to expand self-rule to much of the West Bank.

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Palestinian officers, including women recruits, waved to the crowd from the police station as young meo raised a Palestinian flag and tore down with their bare hands a 12-foot high fence put up by the Israelis around the building to block stonethrowing. Cheers went up as sections of the metal barrier crashed to the ground and were trounced by jubilant teenagers.

"When I saw the fence come down I thought, the occupation is gone and the Andoni, who came to the square with her daughter. "We waited 28 years for this. There's nothing sweeter.

As loudspeakers boomed out nationalist music set to a deafening drumbeat, men danced, women clapped, and Palestinian officers stood oo a truck moving slowly around the square, silhouetted against hundreds of brightly colored Christmas lights.

### AGENDA

#### 17 Are Reported Alive in Air Crash BUGA, Colombia (Reuters) - As

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U.S. Acts on Muslim Army BUSINESS/FINANCE Rumor of Bid for Luxembourg Group many as 17 persons were rescued from the wreckage of an American Airlines plane that crashed into a mountain in southern Colombia, Caracol radio said. Original reports said that all 164 aboard had died in the crash. (Page 7)

#### UN Finds Iraqi Arms

UNITED NATIONS, New York (AFP) - The head of the UN panel investigating Iraq's weapons of mass de-struction said Thursday he had dredged newly imported missile guidance parts out of the Tigris River. The commission must now determine whether Iraq is continuing to build long-range weapons, the panel's director. Rolf Ekeus, said.

## As Profits Rise, U.S. Airlines Get Tough With Riders

NEW YORK - With airplanes filling up and profits improving, U.S. airlines are beginning to crack down on some rule-bending passengers to whom carriers often turned a blind eye when they were bleeding red ink. An informal survey among carriers turned up the

uled departure time, are increasingly being left behind and put on the next flight, provided there is another flight to that destination, and provided there are seats avail-

 Passengers who arrive at the last minute with lots of luggage may be allowed to board, but their check-in luggage may have to await the next flight.

luggage, and are stricter about charging for excess baggage. Carriers say that some passengers make a practice of arriving late with lots of luggage, in hopes the harried ticket agent will check their excess baggage without charge rather than incur the considerable cost to the airline of delaying the flight.

• With fuller flights, carriers say they have become Passengers who come running up to the gate at the stingier about upgrading passengers, for instance, from last minute, usually less than 10 minutes before sched-

 When adults buy economy tickets for themselves and first-class or business-class seats for their children, on international flights where youngsters often fly for half price, carriers say they will try to prohibit the adults from switching sears with their children en route.

ulations covering both the number and size of carry-on the same extent in Europe or Asia, where most flights are international and passengers have always been required to arrive one or two hours in advance.]

The crackdown grew partly out of the rightened security regulations recently adopted by the Federal Aviation Administration, including a requirement that adult passengers have photo identification even on domestic flights. That requirement has resulted in the airlines'

But the biggest impetus for a crackdown is gleaned in the industry's recent financial performance. Last week, the Transportation Department announced that for that third quarter, the 11 major U.S. airlines earned a combined operating profit of more than \$2 billion and net profit of more than \$1 billion, the second

# · Airlines say they are stricter about enforcing reg- Herald Tribune that the same practices had not arisen to

By Edwin McDowell New York Times Service

following examples:

members to use airlines' private lounges.

[Air industry sources in Europe told the International

consecutive quarter they exceeded those figures.

### $Thin\ Ice$ / Natural or Man-Made Phenomenon?

# The Mystery of the Dwindling Alpine Glaciers

By Marlise Simons New York Times Service

HAMONIX, France - Just a short eagle's flight from the highest peak of Europe, amid rolling rocks and a sudden blizzard, Louis Reynaud was drilling deep under the skin of an aged

"This ice is hundreds of years old," he said. Overhead, in shreds of mist, drifted the summit of the Mont Blanc.

The wilderness of boulders and treacherous crevasses at an altitude of more than 2,440 meters (8,000 feet) looks menacing and hleak to ordinary mortals, but it looms before the scientists like a rich laboratory. Mr. Reynaud was leading a team of glaciologists from the University of Grenoble in France, who were studying the behavior of glaciers, how they swell or melt, advance or retreat.

To glaciologists, the high ice fields are the star witnesses in the complicated debate about global climate change. They see them as important indicators of warming and cooling, more reliable than climate models, which scieotists plot on computers to predict changes in

'Glaciers have one great advantage,'' said Mr. Reynaud, stopping for a bar of chocolate and turning his back on the rasping wind. There's no mystery. This is pure physics. If the air warms up, the ice will melt. It's that

In the Alps, at the heart of Europe, where glaciers are monitored more closely than anywhere else in the world, researchers say the ice cover has been shrinking rapidly. Estimates are that one-third to one-half of the ice volume has vanished over the last century.

The main questions asked by glaciologists here are, precisely how fast is the ice melting and is the rate of melting accelerating? They believe that the answers will belp them determine if these high ice caps are simply reacting to natural shifts of the climate or if the rate of melting is now quickening, suggesting that temperatures are rising because of human

At the World Glacier Monitoring Service in Zurich, which keeps the earth's glacial archives, scientists say that very little is known about the ice that covers 10 percent of the planet's surface.

Fluctuations of ice in Antarctica, which holds most of the glacial mass, are the least understood, said Wilfried Haeberli, the center's director. There are only limited studies of the greatest mountain glaciers, in Alaska, Patagonia or the Himalayas. The betterknown glaciers of the Alps, he ooted, are pocket-sized in comparison.

UT THE research going on in the Alps is crucial, Mr. Haeberli said, because this is where glacier studies first began more than a century ago. Austria, France and Switzerland began studying glaciers to monitor the water running off these enormous frozen water towers because of their powerful impact on the region's farming, shipping and hydroelectric dams. Increasingly, though, glaciologists here and

on other continents are expanding their observation network as interest in the environment has surged and more scientists try to terns. American spy satellites, released from | village records ooted farmers complaining |



The Mer de Glace glacier, snaking through the French Alps, is shrinking, scientists say.

Cold War duty, are joining in the mooitoring

"The glaciers of the Alps are among the best indicators we have of a warming or cooling world," said Mr. Haeberli. "They are small and react quickly, they are accessible and they may be representative of what is happening in cold mountain regions to general. Here we have the oldest first-hand records available."

Looking for the messages hidden in ice, researchers have been poring through the records of churches, villages and the military. They found accounts from the warmer Middle Ages, showing that people easily crossed some Alpine passes that are encumbered with

that glaciers were destroying their fields and vîneyards. At one point, the people of Chamonix wor-

ried so much about the expanding Mer de Glace glacier that they feared it might knock over the church. A painting of the Mont Blanc, dated 1740, shows the Mer de Glace reaching the edge of the village.
But since the mid-19th century, the Mer de

Glace has retreated by a kilometer. And the biggest glacier of mainland Europe, the 21kilometer-long Aletsch in Switzerland, has retreated nearly two kilometers and lost more than 91 meters in thickness over the last "Since the 1980s, ice in the Alps is melting

faster," said Mr. Haeberli. "Our figures clear-Glaciers are also shedding ice in other | do we answer that?

mountain regions, as far apart as the Russian Caucasus and Urals and the Andes of South America.

But Mr. Haeberli cautioned that it is too early to draw conclusions because record keeping is recent and spotty in most parts of the world. Glaciologists, he explained, need long-term measurements to identify trends.

OMPLICATING this picture are recent studies showing that ice covers are growing in Scandinavia, Greenland, Iceland and New Zealand.

Norway, which monitors its mountain ice closely because it uses the thawing water for its power stations, found its glaciers on average growing by more than nine meters over the last five years. Some have expanded even more, said Jon Ove Hagen, professor of glaciology at the University of Oslo.

"That's an enormous new volume of ice." he said. "The same is happening in Sweden. Between 1900 and 1950, all of Scandinavia's ice was shrinking. Then it stabilized. Now it's

John Houghton, a leading British scientist, said he sees no contradiction in the growth of ice in one part of the world and melting in another. Mr. Houghton is a chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel oo Climate Change and in its most recent report, the panel cited the melting of mountain glaciers as evidence of global warming in which human activities

may play a role.
"A warmer world is a wetter world," Mr. Houghton said. "This means we get more snow and ice near the polar regions

Scientists have long known about the plan-et's great cycles of cooling and warming by their analysis of ice cores and moraines, the piles of stones carried by moving glaciers. But studies in the Alps are focused on the changes of this century and even the last few decades.

The researchers here who slog through the cold Alpine wilderness say they are aware that aerial photography and satellite observation of glaciers may seem more efficient. But they argue that such sweeping surveys do oot provide crucial information they can get up

Twice a year, these geologists or physicists, among them Mr. Reynaud and his colleagues, go up by helicopter or climb to great heights to monitor several dozen Alpine glaciers. They dig pits in the spring to measure the winter snowfall. Recently, they were lugging their gear across the frozen folds of the Argentière, a four-kilometer-long glacier on the Mont Blanc range. In this world, a few dark birds and a distant airplane were the only signs of life.

"It's difficult to see, but here everything moves," said Mr. Reynaud, swinging a pick ax into the hard surface. "The glacier is always in motion, shifting and sliding."

As they took a break, the team members talked about global warming. What is certain, they said, is that judging by the glaciers they know well, the 20th century is oot very cold and ice here continues to melt. One member made: the point that reportedly there has never been more carbon dioxide in the air than now and that the burning of fossil fuels is causing con-

centrations to rise and warm the air.
"Perhaps," said Mr. Reynaud. "But we know that in the Middle Ages, these glaciers were even smaller than today. Was that be-

### 2d Gene Is Found For Breast Cancer Discovery Could Produce

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

NEW YORK - With astonishing speed, scientists have found a new gene that, when mutated, causes breast cancer. Together with another breast cancer gene isolated 14 months ago, the two mutations account for at least 80 percent of the breast cancer that occurs in women with strong family histories of the disease.

Scientists say that the discovery, reported Thursday in the British science journal Na-ture, means they will be able to offer greatly improved genetic screening to women in so-called breast cancer families. And, they said, they hope to use the gene to understand why ist cancer of all sorts occurs in the first place. Familial breast cancer ac-

counts for only 5 percent of the 185,000 cases of breast cancer diagnosed each year, according to the American Cancer Society. but that amounts to 9,250 cases. 'For women, I think it means a better test will be avail-

able," said Dr. Barbara Weber, who is director of the breast cancer center at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center. Women with strong family histories of breast cancer already had the option of being tested for mutations in the gene found last year, called BRCA1. but changes in that gene accounted for only about half of inherited breast cancer. Mutations in the second

gene, BRCA2, are thought to account for at least an additional third of bereditary breast cancer and possibly all of it that is oot caused by BRCAI mu- gene. tations. Women who inherit a have an 80 percent chance of mally do in cells. developing breast cancer. Both genes are present in all human beings: it is mutations in the fering BRGA2 tests as part of genes that result in cancer.

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Better Test for the Disease mutations in both BRCA2 and BRCA1 cause breast cancer, the genes are on different chromosomes, their structures seem different, and they have differ. ent effects on cancers other than breast cancer.

For example, women who inherit a mutated BRCA1 gene have a 60 percent chance of de. veloping ovarian cancer, as against a 20 percent chance for those with mutations in BR

On the other hand, mutations in BRCA2 in men result in a 20 percent chance of having breast cancer, whereas mutations in BRCA1 do not increase the chances of male breast cancer

The leader of the BRCA2 study, Dr. Michael Stratton, a molecular geneticist at the In-stitute for Cancer Research in Sutton, England, said that it took 12 groups of researchers in the Britain, the United States, Iceland, Canada, the Netherlands and France just a year to find BRCA2, considerably faster than expected. Their scientists had already begun mapping the area on chro some 13 where the gene resides. In contrast, it took scientists four years to find BRCAL largely because gene mappers had not yet tackled its area of chromosome 17.

The BRCA2 gene is huge larger even than BRCA1, which itself had 100,000 subunits, making it 10 times larger than the average gene. That makes the search for mutations long and tedious, researchers said. Dr. Stratton said that the researchers have so far sequenced only about half of the

.As yet, no one has any idea copy of either mutated gene what BRCA1 or BRCA2 nor-Dr. Weber and others said

that they expect to begin ofresearch studies. But, re-Cancer specialists hope BRA2 will lead them to a new think carefully about whether understanding of not only they want to be tested for the breast cancer families, but the breast cancer genes, since the many other cases of breast can-disease cannot be prevented. Dr. Francis Collins; director

According to Dr. Mary of the National Center for Hu-Claire King, a molecular ge- man Genome Research meticist at the University of Bethesda, Maryland, said he Washington in Seattle: "There worries in particular about disis oow increasingly good ev- crimination by insurers and canployers. A woman, he said, in breast cancer in general. Now "might go through the testing, lose her health insurance just at Scientists said that although the time she needs it."

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## Briton's Legacy: Fine Chinese Wine

By Seth Faison New York Times Service

SHAZIKOU, China - The craggy hills that surround this and died a broken man. tiny town are called the Nine Dragons for their forbidding, rocky terrain. Coaxing grain from the golden fields that hang on the mountain slopes has been a struggle for centuries.

But some farm workers here now have a different crop: they grow grapes for a vineyard that whose bottles of chardonnay magazine, once described as did it." and riesling now make their unwieldy way down the hills' winding roads in small trucks say they owe their fortune to the efforts of a stubborn Englishman lime-heavy soil a decade ago.

The Englishman, Michael



vineyard's chief winetaster, said of Mr. Parry. "We owe everything to him" everything to him.

favored 100-proof sorghumakin to aviation fuel.

a ballooning market for beer. The 100,000 cases that the

Huadong Winery is producing this year cannot keep up with demand, Mr. Wu said, and he thinks it is because the vineyard trained him and his staff to conduct their winemaking with a posure to the sun. dedication that few other Chinese vineyards can match.

"If we educate people about wine, they will drink it," said Mr. Wu. "Mr. Parry always said that."

million into it left him bankrupt. first visited China in the late He later succumbed to cancer, 1970s after becoming a distributor of wine and spirits. That was soon followed by the idea worked at it," Wu Lizhu, the of making wine in China, rather

"When you have 1,300 wines and spirits in your port-Wine is only beginning to folio, it's natural to think about gaio popularity among China's starting your own vineyard." consumers, who until recently said Gabriel Tam, Mr. Parry's former partner, who now runs a competition in France. produces some of the best wine based alcohol whose taste The Huadong. Everyone thinks in China. And the winemakers Economist, the British news-

> Almost, anyway. Mr. Parry But young urban drinkers in chose this secluded spot — just China are trying more wine. 40 kilometers (25 miles) from though the demand is far behind Qingdao, a coastal city in east-Oingdao, a coastal city in eastem China known for the beer it exports all over the world because the lime-rich soil fa-

When he came here in 1982.
Mr. Parry died in Hong Kong
in 1991. But his ashes were
suade the peasants who farmed buried on the hill that rises betiny plots to grow grapes.

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Parry, did oot live to see the in 1973 as an accountant for a "There were a lot of continuous success. Putting \$1 british insurance company. But he always fought on." "There were a lot of conflicts. By 1985, after transplanting

42,000 grape cuttings from France, Mr. Parry and his crew were getting ready for their first harvest when a typhoon struck and ruined the entire crop. Undaunted, Mr. Parry ar-

ranged a replanting, and the next year produced 2,000 cases of his first chardonnay and riesling wines, winning an award at But in 1989, when govern-

ment troops killed unarmed civilians in the massacre in Beijing, the Chinese hotel business died, and with it the demand for Mr. Parry's wines and spirits. He went bankrupt, and a bank took ownership of the vineyard. Mr. Parry was found to have cancer. When his partner, Mr.

vors grape-growing and be- Tam, sold the vineyard to Hi-cause the mountain basin is ram Walker Wines & Spirits, formed so its slopes face south- Mr. Parry was kept on as an ward and gain maximum ex- adviser but grew bitter about having lost control.

hind the vineyard, to mark the Mr. Wu. "Mr. Parry always aid that."

"He was a hig man, with a place he most cared about, and huge belly, and he looked out of farm workers still tend his grave, place here." Mr. Tam said. a simple gray tombstone.

#### Sabena's Chairman Wants to Talk

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The chief of Belsham's poubled national airline, Sabena, hinted Thursday that he was ready to rubles. reach compromises with angry trade unions in a bid to quell social unrest and put the airline back on the road to profitability.

Pierre Godfroid, Sabena's chairman, said at a news conference that he would make a gesture to the unions but declined to give

He said both sides should make the decisions to restore Sabena

to profit.
"From then on everything is negotiable again," he said when asked whether he might withdraw his decision to scrap collective. labor agreements, the main grievance behind the union's string of strikes. "In the framework of a discussion we'll talk about that, but first we have to start talking." The unions have suspended all further strikes until January so as

not to hit passengers during the year-end holiday season. But they have warned on tougher actions in early January.

#### Strike Closes Marseille Transport

MARSEILLE (Reuters) — A local dispute crippled buses, Métro trains and trams in this Mediterranean port on Thursday as other public transport services got back to normal in France after a 24-day strike.

The SNCF state railroad said rail traffic was running almost as

usual around the country after the worst unrest in France in a decade, spurred mainly by government plans to overhaul the indebted health and pension system.

The Marseille dispute hardened Thursday, spreading to the Métro, which had previously escaped a 15-day stoppage. Hooded demonstrators occupied train and train lines in the city while pickets blocked depots.

The strikers complain that workers hired after 1993 earn 1,000 francs (\$200) a month less on average than their colleagues. The city is refusing to make up the difference.

Moscow subway fares jumped 50 percent Thursday in the capital's fourth public transport rice hike of the year. The cost of a subway ride went from 1,000 rubbes (21 cents) to 1,500

Health workers in Liberia began a campaign Thursday to vaccinate 1 million people in the capital, Monrovia, in an effort to halt an epidemic of yellow fever. Fifty-six cases of the hemorrhagic fever, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, have been confirmed since November.

Beijing lawmakers passed a law Thursday banning smoking in public places by mid-1996. But, since half of all adult men smoke, there are doubts about the law's effectiveness. (Reuters)

The Bangkok police department sent 4,000 officers into the streets Thursday at the start of a 10-day campaign to punish redlight-running motorists and jaywalking pedestrians, whom it blames for exacerbating the capital's notorious traffic jams. Streets are so clogged that cars move at an average of 8 kilometers (5 miles) an hour.

The French airline Air Inter will have 170 extra flights from Thursday through Saturday this week. The company said Thursday that it would offer 30,713 additional seats to cope with the Christmas and New Year's holidays.



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# Clinton and Congressional Chiefs Set New Talks

By Brian Knowlton International Herald Tribune

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Lintons or their aides.

Senate, White House lawyers
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attack yet, Senator Lanch Pair-House Banking Committee, cloth of North Carolina said on Representative James A. Leach

Democrats responded angri- ily's personal lawyers.

House Approves Welfare Reform

overhant of the nation's welfage system Thursday, despite President Bill Clinton's promise to veto it.

Dependent Children program with block grants to states, trim food stamp benefits and curb aid to immigrants, disabled children, drug addicts and alcoholics. (AP)

\$28 Billion for Intelligence Voted

WASHINGTON — In a voice wate Thursday, the House approved a \$28 billion budget for its intelligence-gathering

That was after members emerged from a guarded room where they viewed the legislation's full text. (AP)

Shutdowns Hurt Holiday Civing

WASHINGTON - A one-two punch of federal shut-

downs during the holiday season has depressed charitable giving in the Washington region.

The Combined Federal Campaign, which raises money from federal workers to support 2,500 local charities, is more than \$6 million short of the \$38.5 million goal. (WP)

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has reprimanded an ambassador who criticized the Republican-led Congress as isolationist. Republican leaders had requested he

Daniel Spiegel, ambassador to the Europe office of the

United Nations, was reprimanded after a State Department review, the White House said Thursday.

President Bill Clinton on the welfare reform bill: "I will

veto it and insist that they try again. This welfare bill includes deep cuts that are tough on children. (AP)

A \$4.2 billion fawsuit by Louis Farrakhan against the New York Post was dismissed by a judge who said the Nation

of Islam leader had offered no proof of malice in a column

that cited Malcolm X's widow as blaming Mr. Farrakhan for

olilinois strongly defended its mental hospitals after a court-ordered report denounced them as holding tanks in which patients are locked up, left untreated and then bounced

The Kansas City area, with a 1.6 million population, was ranked the nation's most affordable housing market in the newest quarterly survey of the National Association of Home newest quarterly survey of the National Association of Home

• A delivery vehicle struck and killed an 8-month-old male

wolf pup born to one of the Canadian wolves released in

Yellowstone National Park this year, officials said.

U.S. Envoy Gets Reprimend

be fired for the remark.

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**Away From Politics** 

back out again with little follow-up.

WASHINGTON .... The House approved a sweeping

The 245-to-178 vote was mostly along party lines.
The legislation would replace the Aid to Families With

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WASHINGTON — Inst matters: It was their second tail "wagging the dog." when negotiations over a federal budget plan were starting to hopes that this particularly bitter wasn't much wagging from eilook like an endless and in ward of acceptations winds by they end. Each part of the anlook like an endless and insurround of negotiations might be they end. Each part of the andecisive alley fight, bloodying furcing toward progress. imal seemed to have its own both sides and infuriating spec- Preliminary meetings in version of whether a budget tators, White House and con-volving senior budget advisers agreement would leave the dog-

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"On Friday morning, the president and five congressional leaders will meet at the White House," the White House said.

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sel, Kenneth W. Starr, agreed to

mte a waiver, Republicans on

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the lawyer client privilege any-way, then disclosing the notes

would not waive any privilege.

... So, as the debate raged in the

But then a spokesman for John R. Kasich, chairman of the House Budget Committee and a Repubhis boss had left the same meeting as pessimistic as ever. Michael McCurry, the White

House press secretary, indicated Gore. that a temporary spending bill to end the partial government shutdown was not imminent.

Shadegg of Arizona said.

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But even the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, seemed surprised when the young Republican like Mr. Domenici, said that licans undid what he thought was a deal.

The problem arose after comments by Vice President Al

The president and congres-sional leaders had agreed last month to work toward a bal-

the congressional office numbers. The White House later issued a clarification.

Angry Republican freshmen said the president was backing out of a firm agreement. In a rally-like caucus, House Republicans shouled approval of a res-olution to tie the reopening of government to agreement on a seven-year budget plan using the

congressional office oumbers.

### For a Good Heart, **Get on Your Feet**

### Experts Urge 30 Minutes Of Mild Exertion a Day

By David Brown

WASHINGTON -- People who wish to lower their risk of heart disease should have at least 30 minutes of "moderate intensity" physical activity nearly every day, according to a panel of experts convened by the National Institutes of

At a news conference Wednesday, the experts said that the activity need not be athletic in the usual sense, but it should be purposeful and last at least 10 minutes per session, the panel said. Brisk walking and even moderately strenuous yard work can lower a person's risk of heart diseas

That message is not new but the messengers are. The advice was offered by a panel of 13 people, most of them scientists, who earlier this week heard two days of presentations about the relationship between physical activity and cardiovascular health.

The work was done as part of a "consensus development" conference, in which Institutes of Health officials ask a group of experts to review scientific research and come up with public recommendations on a contentious medical or public health issue. The question of whether exercise fends off heart

disease has been a subject of debate. The panel did not give a strict definition for "moderate intensity" physical activity, as measured by such things as rise in heart rate. Instead, it gave such examples as walking up stairs, swimming and bicycling. Dr. Patrick E. McBride of the University of Wisconsin, one of the panel members, said the definition depends on the exercisers.

"If they feel they are working at a moderately vigorous activity, they probably are," he said. The greatest benefits, at least in terms of public health, won't

come from relatively fit people spending more time at the gym or in the pool. Instead, the experts said, it will occur wheo people who lead sedentary lives add modest physical activity. Although consensus conference statements like this one have oo standing as federal policy, they are widely disseminated and tend to be viewed as state-of-knowledge advice by the medical profession. The recommendations Wednesday, bowever, were directed more to the public than to doctors and ourses.

"We've aimed at oot making physical activity a 'medical problem,' "said Russell V. Luepker, an epidemiologist at the University of Minnesota who headed the panel. "Physical activity is a natural part of our evolutionary status, but somehow we've managed to engineer it out of most people's lives."

Elevated blood cholesterol, smoking and hypertension are all major "risk factors" for heart disease. The prevalence of all three has been falling for 30 years in the United States, as has the death rate from heart attack. Physical inactivity and obesity, however, are both on the rise, and both appear to increase the risk of myocardial infarction (the death of heart muscle from inadequate blood flow through elogged coronary arteries), stroke and diseases of blood vessels in the legs.

U.S. epidemiological studies have suggested that about 35 percent of deaths from coronary heart disease can be artributed to physical inactivity. In 1992, about 168,000 of the 480,000 coronary deaths might have been avoided if everyone had been optimally active.

A national health survey conducted in 1991 found that overall. 54 percent of American adults were sedentary or virtually sedentary.

#### Senate Seeks Order For Clinton Papers ly that Senator Paircloth and other Republicans had distorted the conclusions of investigators By Stephen Labaton New York Times Service WASHINGTON - After a and that months of federal and day of spirited and deeply par-tisan debate, the Senate apcongressional investigations had uncovered no crimes on the proved a resolution to ask a part of the Clintons federal judge to order President Before the vote, the White Bill Clinton to comply with subpoenas and turn over White-House dropped most of its remaining conditions for releaswater material that the White ing the material and said it House has said is protected by would make the documents the lawyer-client and executive public if the House Banking and Financial Services Com-The resolution was approved mittee, which is also investilate Wednesday by a party-line gating Whitewater, agreed that vote of 51 to 45. such a disclosure would not The material, notes of a 1993 waive the president's lawyermeeting of Mr. Chinton's senior client privile

A SHAKY START — No one was injured when this jumbo jet slid off the runway at New York's JFK Airport after an aborted takeoff. The Tower Air flight had been headed for Miami, with 441 people on board.

### Gingrich and the Stubborn First-Termers

By Adam Clymer
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The 73 Republican first-term con-gressmen who made Newt Gingrich a powerful speaker of the House in January have now played a central role in making him look feeble.

the floor of the Senate that Mrs. of lower Bur Mr. Leach early in Clinton had lied to federal in the day elected the day elected the day elected the day elected the White House because, resent the Madison Guiranty the small could impring on his Savings and Loan, operated by committeed shifting to investigate McDougal the Clintons. All year long, chroniclers of business partner in the White- improperly disclosed confiden- the Republican revolution have water land venture. asked who was doing the leading, Mr. Gingrich or the selfsured first-termers whom one of their spokesmen, Representative Zach Wamp of Ten-nessee, recently called "the purest, most worthy group of leaders elected to this body in

my lifetime." This week, at least, it is the freshmen, the core of the hardline conservatives in the House, who have been in charge. They gave President Bill Clinton the chance to portray Mr. Gingrich on Wednesday as ineffectual and to warn, "The tail will keep

wagging the dog over there."
Before leaders patched together an agreement to meet again, what the Republican caucus — about one-third freshmen - did was to force Mr. Gingrich to back off a deal made at the White House on Tuesday. He had promised to move to reopen the closed parts of the government if "real progress" could be made with Mr.

Clinton on a balanced budget. And that was not just the way reporters heard him. Senator Bob Dole, the majority leader, told the Senate on Wednesday morning he expected such a House bill on Wednesday.

But the Republican caucus rejected that view on Tuesday

night and again on Wednesday, insisting that a deal on a balanced budget be completed before any temporary spending measure to put 260,000 federal workers back on the job could be brought to a vote:

Clintoo to say that he could not rely on Mr. Gingrich.

If any budget deal is to be made, it is almost inevitable that the \$245 billion tax ent in

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the Republican budget, a favorite of House freshmeo, will duced. The freshmen have al- as ready stood on principle and bills, even if you don't like everfused something as popular as erything in them." putting federal workers back oo

freshmen, he shrugged and answered: "Nothing. Why would I do anything to my freshmen? hand, they are suspicious of They made us a majority.' tally as a compromiser. They

He reflected a fact that is often overlooked: the Repubbrought to a vote:

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Their argument was that they could not trust the president. them and the Democrats are is really going to be there when But the effect was to enable Mr. united, as they pretty much the chips are down? have been lately, they lose

With those numbers, any group that is organized and can credibly threaten to defect has a lot of influence. But the relationship is com-

plex. Mr. Gingrich frequently tries to guide the freshmen. In closed meetings, he tells them to behave as part of a "govhave to be substantially re- eming party, which translates pass the appropriations

Paul Weyrich, head of the the job for Christmas. It is far Free Congress Research and from clear that they would sac-rifice their beloved tax cut. Education Foundation, a Gin-grich adviser for more than a rifice their beloved tax cut.

But when Mr. Gingrich was decade, is also close to many of asked on Wednesday afternoon the conservative freshmen. He what he would do about the said in an interview Tuesday:

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## **South Korea Indicts** 2 Ex-Leaders for Coup

By Kevin Sullivan **Washington Post Service** 

SEOUL — Two former presidents of South Korea, one in prison and the other hospitalized from a 19-day jailhouse hunger strike, were indicted Thursday for their roles in a

coup sixteen years ago. Chun Doo Hwan, the former army general who ruled from 1980 to 1988, faces the death penalty on charges of mutiny for masterminding the December 1979 coup in which he came to

Roh Tae Woo, president from 1988 to 1993, another former general who has known Mr. Chun since their school days, is accused of aiding the general by ordering troops from the North Korean border to help in the coup. He also faces the death penalty, although it is highly unlikely that either former president would be executed.

Mr. Roh, 63, has been in jail since his Nov. 16 arrest on charges of accepting bribes to accumulate a multimillion dollar political slush fund while he was president. He is accused of taking \$369 million from 35 leading industrialists.

Mr. Chun, 64, was hospital-ized Wednesday night from a defiant hunger strike in which he has lost 10 kilograms (22 pounds). He is reported to have refused even intravenous feed-

Mr. Chun, who grew up poor as the son of a farmer, has taken only barley tea, milk and water since his Dec. 3 arrest, which he asserts is political revenge against him by President Kim Young Sam. Mr. Kim was a young opposition politician who spent two years under house arrest during Mr. Chun's dictatorial rule.

Mr. Chun's lawyer, Lee Yang Woo, said his client was 'so weak that he cannot even speak up, but he will continue his hunger strike.'

There has been little public sympathy for Mr. Chun, a particularly hard-line ruler. The charges against him and Mr. Roh stem from the events of Dec. 12, 1979, six weeks after President Park Chung Hee had been assassinated by his secu-

That night, General Chun, General Roh and six other

staff and the nation's martial law commander.

Under General Chun's leadership, the generals called troops south from the Demilarrests, a move that left South Korea vulnerable to North Korean attack and infuriated American military officials in

A new cabinet was named on Dec. 14, and the government continued with a largely figurehead president and with General Chun, General Roh and the other young generals holding power behind the

The indictments issued Thursday against Mr. Chun and Mr. Roh stop with that incident. But prosecutors are also investigating the roles General Chun killings of democracy advo-cates in Kwangju a few months demonstrations.

young rebel officers arrested later. A special law passed by several military officers, in-cluding General Chung Seung Hwa, who was army chief of will allow them to be prosecuted even though the statute of limitations has expired.

After the 1979 coup, protests against martial law continued, intensifying with student itarized Zone to assist in the demonstrations after the beginning of a new school year in

On May 17, faced with increasing protests, General Chun moved to consolidate his power. After stationing armed soldiers in the capitol building, he called the cabinet for a meeting and forced them all to resign. He also announced that he was extending martial law indefinitely. The next morning, a huge

protest began in Kwangju, in South Cholla Province. Before the protest was over 10 days later, at least 193 people had been killed by elite soldiers and General Rob played in the called in by General Chun and his supporters to put down the



Police deploying Thursday to bar protesters from a Seoul hospital where ex-President Chun is being treated.

# Tensions in Asia Put Damper on Growth Optimism

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - After several years of euphoria about East Asia's growth prospects following the end of the Cold War, officials are starting to warn of growing tensions and the risk of armed conflict that would undermine economic gains.

They worry that a resurgence of instahility, from the Korean Peninsula to the South China Sea, could eat away at the climate of confidence underpinning rapid economic growth and investment in the re-

At a recent meeting of Southeast Asian leaders in Bangkok, Goh Chok Tong, Singapore's prime minister, cautioned that 'the general mood of optimism in the Asia-Pacific has been clouded by the downturn in Sino-U.S. relations, the deterioration in China-Taiwan ties, the increasing difficulties in the U.S.-Japan relationship and the rival claims over the Spratiy Islands' in the South China Sea. China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines and Brunei have overlapping claims on the islands, and keep troops stationed on many of the atolls and

Masahiro Akiyama, director-geoeral of

Japan's Defense Agency, said Tuesday in Tokyo that although the Cold War was over. East Asia still faced unsolved territorial problems, including the armed standoff be-tween North and South Korea, the dispute between Japan and Russia over ownership of the Kuril Islands, and the Spratlys issue, which Tokyo views very seriously because of Japan's dependence on imported oil, natural gas and industrial raw materials shipped via the South China Sea.

He said that while East Asian countries were enjoying stability and economic growth, "we have to be ready for new disutes in the region where the balance of the East and West blocs has collapsed."

The eod of the Cold War ended the Soviet military threat and ideological tensions between Communist and non-Communist countries in the region. But analysts said that this development had weakened U.S. strategic interests in Japan and other parts of

They said it had also brought U.S. concerns about its massive trade deficit and other problems with East Asia to the forefront of American foreign policy, creating new sources of friction with many countries in the area and raising questions in the United States about gagement, mainly in Japan and South Korea.

'One of the principal security concerns in East Asia since the end of the Cold War is uncertainty about the future of the U.S. military presence in the region," said Desmond Ball, a regional security specialist in the Strategic and Defense Studies Center at the Australian National University in Canberra.

'The belief is widespread in many Asian capitals that the U.S. might not maintain the will, and perhaps over the longer term might lose the economic capacity, to ensure that no other power in the region will become as-

This uncertainty, combined with the surge of economic growth that intensified as Cold War barriers were lifted, has prompted many countries in the regioo to invest heavily in military modernization programs. There is concern that this might overwhelm the fledgling regional security measures and institutions established since the Cold War to build mutual trust and prevent a regional

arms race that could spiral out of control.

Richard Halloran, of the Pacific Forum CSIS research center in Honolulu, said that China was assembling armed forces capable of projecting military power beyond its borders, 'and many Asians fear that Beijing will why it should continue a costly military en- seek to dominate the region unless the U.S.

Agence France-Presse

Norodom Sirivudh of Cambo-

dia, charged with plotting to assassinate Prime Minister Hun

Sen, slipped into Singapore Thursday on his way to exile in

Singapore's Foreign Min-istry confirmed Thursday that

the 44-year-old half brother of

King Norodom Sihanouk was

"currently in Singapore on

The ministry's spokesmen

The prince, a former foreign

minister, has steadfastly denied

all charges but agreed to be

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declined to give details

SINGAPORE - Prince government.

provides a counterbalance." Other Asia-Pacific countries are hedging their bets by forming closer political and military ties. partly as a counterbalance to the rise of

Analysts said that the security agreement signed Monday by Australia and Indonesia was the first example of what was likely to become an increasing trend as countries in Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific banded together to sustain stability and economic growth in their region.

After the end of the Cold War we all

started thinking that economics would be the glue that kept us together," said Mari-Pangestu, who heads the economics department of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta. "But now security is coming up again so that the two are locked together.

Gareth Evans, Australia's foreign minister, said that a key question facing the Asia-Pacific region was whether countries that had shown they could work together for common prosperity could also work to achieve their security together. He said that "for the time being, and for

the reasonably foreseeable future, everyone in the region seems far more bent on making

bodia's two-year-old coalition

The prince left his homeland

exactly a month after being ar-

rested in Phnom Penh, where he

spent the past two nights at the

royal palace in the custody of

French visa on Wednesday.

King Sihanouk. He was given a

Legal proceedings against

the prince, who has been

charged with terrorism, at-

tempting to overthrow the gov-

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acy, are expected to continue.

He could be sentenced to life in

prison in absentia if convicted.

gapore declined to comment on

Cambodia, a former French

colony, does not have an em-

bassy here and conducts its

The French Embassy in Sin-

Cambodia Prince Heads to Exile in France \*

diplomatic affairs with Singa-

pore from its Bangkok mission.

The prince, secretary-gener-al of the royalist Funcinpec Par-

ty, is expected to leave Saturday

night by Air France and arrive

Christmas Eve in Paris, where

his children are now staying

with relatives for the holidays.

in Singapore did not see him

arrive. Diplomatic sources said

he was whisked off through

VIP channels for security rea-

sons after arriving on a Silk Air

His wife, Princess Christine,

a French citizen who works in

the Phnom Penh office of the

Scientific and Cultural Orga-

nization, remained in Phnom

flight from Phnom Penh.

Journalists at Changi Airport

### 23 Are Killed **As Car Bomb** Wrecks Store in Pakistan City

PESHAWAR, Pakistan - A car bomb exploded outside a department store in the northwest Pakistani city of Peshawar on Thursday, killing at least 23 people and wounding more than 50, the police and wimesses said. The police said the bomb went off in a

busy street in Peshawar's Saddar Bazaar district at 6.30 P.M. The area was crowded with shoppers ahead of the Muslim weekend on Friday.

Rescuers were searching for survivors in the basement of the Wadood Sons department store, and officials said the death

toll could rise. There was no immediate claim of re-sponsibility for the blast, which set several cars on fire and wrecked nearby shops. "I cannot say right now who was re-sponsible," Aftab Sherpao, chief minister

of North West Frontier Province, of which Peshawar is the capital, told reporters at the "We will fully investigate," he said.

A senior police official said the blast

appeared to have been caused by a 25-

kilogram (55-pound) time bomb.

This is the worst bomb here for a long time," said the official, Ghulam Hussain.

The provincial police chief, Masood Shah, said he suspected the involvement of an Afghan group because of a series of recent, smaller blasts in the region for which he blamed Afghans.

Peshawar has a large population of Afghan refugees from the war that has raged in neighboring Afghanistan since

The attack followed a suicide car bombing that wrecked the Egyptian Embassy in Islamabad, the capital, on Nov. 19, killing 16 people and wounding more than 60.

#### Christians Harassed In China, Group Says

WASHINGTON -- China is increasing its harassment of imamhorized Catholic and Protestant groups, a human-rights

stricter controls on contact with foreigner was part of a broader drive begun in 1994 against all forms of dissent and religion

'All religious believers, and especially Christians, are seen as potential security of

risks," said Mickey Spiegel, a researcher for the group.
Chinese Embassy officials in Washington could not be reached for comment.

her husband.

convicted.

"He did not leave as a crim-

inal, he did not leave as a beaten

man," she said after seeing off

"He did not lose his honor."

The princess was to leave

Cambodia on Friday for Thai-

land on a business trip and then

join her family in France after

the holidays. She is expected to

return to Cambodia on Jan. 6,

followed soon afterward by her

The king had repeatedly warned his half brother that if

he remained in Cambodia his

life would be in danger whether he was acquitted or

Critics have described the

prince's arrest as politically

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#### Tokyo Presses Nuclear Inquiry

TOKYO — Japan's government stepped up Thursday it investigation of an accident at a plutonium-powered nuclear plant, angered by the plant operator's cover-up of a videotape recording showing the accident's full extent. The Science and Technology Agency said it had lost trust in the operator's ability to investigate itself, so agency inves-

tigators would oow have the power to give orders and control The Power Reactor & Nuclear Fuel Development Corp., known as Donen, admitted that it had concealed a video of the Dec. 8 accident, in which two to three tons of sodium leaked in

a secondary cooling system. The tape showed mounds of sodium compounds on the floor and caked around cooling vents. Large holes in pipes were visible, as well as hum marks left when the sodium combusted on contact with air. (AP)

### Victory for Mauritius Opposition

PORT LOUIS, Mauritius — The opposition alliance swept to victory Thursday, seizing all 60 elected Parliament seats, provisional results showed. The alliance, led by Navin Ramgoolam and Paul Berenger,

defeated the prime minister, Sir Anerood Jugnauth, taking his Parliament seat and ending his 13 years in power. (Reuters)

#### Singapore to Cooperate on Maid

SINGAPORE — The authorities in Singapore offered Thursday to cooperate with the Philippines in an investigation into the death of a Filipino maid here. The offer came a day after President Fidel V. Ramos of the

Philippines formed a group to investigate the death of Angelina Palaming, 28, who plunged with her four-year-old ward from a ninth-story apartment here on Dec. 7. The child survived. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the Philippine Embassy had been informed that "Singapore authorities would

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extend full cooperation to the Philippine authorities in order to establish the facts" on the maid's death.

#### Pakistan Charges 4 With Sedition

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — An army general and three other officers arrested in September over an alleged plot to overtirow Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and impose Islamic law have been charged with sedition, the Defense Ministry said Thursday.

Major General Zaheer ul Islam Abbasi, Brigadier Mustansar Billah, Colonel Mohammed Azad Minhas and Colonel Inayarullah Khan will face a court martial for violation of the Pakistan Army Act and the penal code.

#### Tamils Ease Controls on Civilians

COLOMBO — Tamil Tiger rebels, under pressure from disgruntled Tamil refugees, have relaxed controls on people leaving guerrilla-held areas while making sure those of fighting age remain, resideots said Thursday.

"Starting yesterday, they have gone back to issuing passes like earlier," a civilian arriving in the government-controlled northern town of Vavuniya said of the rebels. "Still, they do not issue passes to anyone between 12 and 40 years of age unless

(Reuters)

#### **VOICES** From Asia

Cho Jong Kook, after a South Korean court sentenced a U.S. Army soldier, Sergeant Frank Golinar, to six months in prison on charges of assaulting him: "I am satisfied with the court ruling. It is a punishment for Mr. Golinar's refusal to acknowledge his crime and compensate for it.

Takayuki Fujiyoshi of the Japanese Science and Technology Agency, on the investigation of an accident hy the nuclear operator Doneo: "Until now we had trusted in their investigation. This is regrettable."

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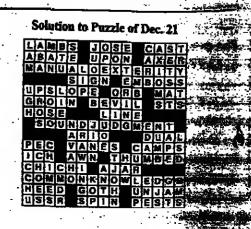
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# U.S. Traitor's Ex-Employer Calls His Behavior in Jail 'Dignified'

By Walter Pincus

WASHINGTON - The head of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service said Wednesday that based on what he has read he believes that Aldrich H. Ames, the CIA agent who has confessed to having spied for the Soviet Union, "is behaving in a dignified manner" since his arrest and imprisonment almost two years ago.

In an unusual interview with the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda marking the 75th anniversary of the Russian spy service, the director, Yevgeni Primakov, also distribution of the Poreign Intelligence Service "La will a uncertainty and male case officers "Unfortunately," Mr. Primakov said, the Foreign Intelligence Service "has few cussed problems and challenges facing his intelligence agency in terms that often sounded like testimony that John M. Deutch, the director of central intelligence, gave the House intelligence committee on Thesday.

Both Mr. Primakov and Mr. Deutch, for example, talked about Raving to rebuild their agencies after the cond of the Cold makov to draw a sharp line between Soviet War. Both described new challenges of traitors who defected to the West and be-collecting information about terrorism, trayed their colleagues for money and Mr.

proliferation of weapons of mass destruc-tion and economic developments.

Mr. Primakov at one point even talked about the need for the Russian service to employ more women in challenging jobs, a problem that publicly stirfaced last year at

women working in the field."

But we are giving them the 'green light," he added.

Next year," he said, "our academy will enroll women into a special group.

In the party list segment of the poll, which decides half of

lowed by the ultranationalists of

Vladimir Zhirinovsky, with

11.14 percent. Third came Mr.

Chemomyrdin's Our Home Is

Russia party, with 9.65 percent. The liberal Yabloko bloc is

the only other party that looks as though it will clear 5 percent. It

won 7.11 percent of the vote.
All of the other 39 parties were below the threshold and

appeared unlikely to clear it when the Central Election

Commission announces the fi-

nal count, probably on Friday.

The count in the second part of

the election, the 225 individual

constituencies, was unofficially

cided in this section, one went

to Yuri Voronin, the former

deputy speaker of the Parlia-

ment dissolved by President Yeltsin in 1993, Mr. Voronin

was backed by the Communist

Party. This gave them 58 con-

stituency places altogether.
The Agrarians, likely allies of

the Communists, won 20 places,

while Yabloko had 14 and Mr.

ple bloc led by former Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai

Ryzhkov had nine places,

equaling the reformist Demo-

seats have been won by inde-

pendents who have yet to de-clare their loyalties. Some may support the Communists, al-

though in the last Duma most

were pro-government.
Communists are expected to

win control of more than 150

seats altogether, with 30 going to other leftist parties. Together

with Mr. Zhirinovsky's ultra-

nationalists who will have

around 50, they would in theory

be able to command a majority

in the Duma. (AFP, Reuters)

Altogether, 77 constituency

Chernomyrdin's bloc 10.

cratic Choice of Russia.

finished, the commission said Of the last two places de-

trayed their colleagues for money and Mr. federal penitentiary at Allenwood, Penn-Ames, the veteran CIA counterintelligence officer who during more than nine years of

Mr. Ames, Mr. Primakov said, gave secrets to Moscow "not only for the sake of money" but because he saw that the Soviet people were not as "aggressive and hos-tile" as they had been portrayed by his CIA

The Russian defectors "are fond of explaining everything by ideological causes," Mr. Primakov said. "That is rub-

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Mr. Ames, who is serving a life sentence in the maximum security facility at the sylvania, was not available for comment. His attorney, Plato Cacheris, said Wednesspying caused the death of at least nine day, "As far as I know, Ames has never indicated any preference for the Soviet

> "As to Ames himself," Mr. Primakov said, "again judging by publications, he is behaving in a very dignified manner." In the shadowy world of spying, Mr. Primakov's mild statements about Mr. Ames may have no meaning at all, or may be a signal that Russia still plans to pay Mr.

bish." He added, "They all betray that Mr. Ames pleaded guilty showed that and Robert M. Gates.

A question about Russian intelligence officers working for the CIA led Mr. Prifor money."

exclusively for mercantile considerations, for money. his Russian handlers told him four months before his arrest that Moscow had more than of international espionage, if Mr. Ames did funds would at some time be passed on - if not to him, at least to benefit his family.

In comments that echoed those of his U.S. counterparts, Mr. Primakov charged that some post-Cold War hudget cuts in his agency developed "because the press ganged up on us" and "many newspapers wrote absurd things about us, including statements that foreign intelligence was no longer necessary at all.

His remarks about media coverage were similar to recent statements by Mr. Deutch Ames money it owes him.

Documents made available at the time similar to recent statements by Mr. Deutch and by his predecessors, R. James Wonlsey

before his arrest that Moscow had more than that the intelligence operations of the in-\$1 million set aside for him for his services teragency Balkan task force, housed at the already rendered. Under the unwritten rules CIA, had been "a very successful part of our difficult, strained policy process on the not turn against his former spymasters, those whole Bosnian-Balkan issue." Mr. Primakov, also referring to the former Yugoslavia, said the Russian intelligence ser-vice "was doing all it could to ensure the triumph of justice, to ensure equal treatment of all sides taking part in this con-

Both Mr. Primakov and Mr. Deutch also said intelligence had to be used against international crime, and of course against each other. Mr. Primakov said the United States has kept up its intelligence spending and that "European countries, not only in the East but also in the West of Europe,

### Will Kremlin Stay the Course? Experts See Economic Reforms Continuing

MOSCOW — The huge pro-Communist vote in last Sunings in investment scams.

The government has already averted a major battle over the economy by getting the 1996 budget adopted by the State Duwould continue in the run-up to presidential elections.

Mikhail Bazhanov chairmen day's elections was a signal to

Mikhail Bazhanov, chairman of the "Golden Club" of 60 major Russian banks that trade in gold, said at an economic forum here that "there will be more government action on so-

But he said his organization did not expect any fundamental economic changes from the government before presidential elections in June.

Alexander Privalov of the Russian economics magazine Expert said he did not envisage any major economic battles in the next six months, but that he thought the government would ''quickly try to orient its policy dication that no dramatic to the social side, dealing with swings of policy are expected. pensions and wages."

din pledged that the government would provide 2.6 trillion rubles errors, the Central Electoral 15578 million) to pay off army Commission said Thursday.

**TOPICS** 

company computers.

But the city, which had

watched as revenue from an

earlier tax on electronic of-

fice machines declined, saw

the need to exact a toll -

1,000 Belgian francs, or

about \$35 - along the in-

ple's homes.

debts, and set up a public fund to help some 20 million small shareholders who lost their sav- the 450 sears in the Duma, the

the economy, won approval Tuesday in the upper house of Parliament, the Federation

The pre-election appointment of Sergei Dubinin, a Chernomyrdin ally, as the new chairman of the Central Bank also bolstered the government's economic policy.

President Boris N. Yeltsin said during voting Sunday that no circumstances will make me renounce the chosen course of reforms."...

The money markets in Russia reacted calmly to the Communist victory — a tacit in-The Communists kept their

During the campaign, Prime firm lead in Russia's parliamentary election, but final results are still being cross-checked for

EUROPEAN Around Europe

A Belgian Toll Booth On the Info-Highway They're not yet taxing the air Belgians breathe, but the city of Brussels has decided. to follow the times and tax The measure does not apply 10 government offices, 10 the city's European institutions or to computers in peo-

find a documentary channel interesting; 45 percent would like a travel and weather chanclassical music channel. Just 27 percent said they would watch the parliaments of the world, and only 6 percent said they would tune in regularly.

formation superhighway. In a letter to Mayor Francois-Xavier de Donnéa, local business leaders say the measure will drive companies to the suburbs or incite them to break up their offices in favor of "tele-commuting." The idea of taxing robots used in industry, with the tax revenue going to job programs or unemployment ben-

The machines, after all, pay no taxes and make no contribution to retirement funds or Social Security. Companies make big savings by using them, so why not charge them a portion of the difference in the name of social solidarity?

efits, is not new.

The problem, companies retort, is that such taxes put the brakes on development and make them less compet-

Personal computers, moreover, change work habits but don't always reduce company payrolls. It remains to be seen whether the Brussels initiative will spawn imita-

Channel Like America's C-Span, it would offer live covcrase from the floor of the nation's legislature, but there. would also be coverage from the European Parliament and even, say, the Israeli Knesset. Backers hope the channel will reach 15 million viewers. But a poll commissioned by the newsmagazine Focus found viewers have other priorities: 60 percent said they would nel; 42 percent, a children's channel, and 33 percent, a

The Irish drink less than the European average, con-trary to a common belief. The top drinkers, in terms of liters of alcohol per inhabitant, are France, the Czech Republic and Germany. The myth about the Irish can be explained, perhaps, by the fact that they do nearly all their drinking in public. Whereas the French, for example. drink 65 percent of their beer at home, the Irish do all but 6 percent of their beer-drinking

in pubs and restaurants.

The Woman of a Scent: Annette Luhr, 34, recently tracked down for a 92-yearold lady a flask of the perfume with which the lady had her first amorous success as a teenager. Ms. Luhr, a Dusseldorf-based aroma detective - might we call her a private nose? - will scour the world in search of a rare or long-forgotten brand desired by a customer. She can also draw on the 2,000 bottles of perfume she has at home. International Herald Tribune



Russian special forces troops returning from a raid on rebels in Gudermes, Chechnya's second largest town.

#### BRIEFLYEUROPE

### Austria May Charge Haider

VIENNA — Austrian public prosecutors said Thursday that they were investigating the possibility of criminal charges against Jörg Haider, the leader of the far-right Freedom Party, the country's third-largest, after an amateur video showed him making a speech praising the Nazi

The video, shown Tuesday on television, of Mr. Haider addressing and mingling with a group of former SS officers in September has sent shock waves through Austrian politics. (Reuters)

### 2 Bombings in Corsica

AJACCIO, Corsica — Two more bombs exploded on this French Mediterranean island Thursday, damaging a police station and a telephone office but causing no injuries. Thursday's explosions followed three other bombings around the island Monday night or early Tuesday that caused light damage but no injuries. (AP)

#### Socialists Trail in Spain

MADRID — The governing Socialists would lose the approaching general elections to the leading opposition Popular Party, according to a poll published Thursday.

The poll, showed the conservative Popular Party with 40.2 percent against the Socialists' 31.5 percent, and the United Left with 13.3 percent, the daily El Mundo said. (AP)

#### Le Pen's No. 2 Is Sanctioned

MARSEILLE - The No. 2 in the French far-right eligible for public office for one year on Thursday. An administrative court in Marseille said Bruno Mégret had exceeded the legal limit of spending on a local election campaign in Vitrolles, a fast-growing industrial town near Marseille, last June.

Calendar

EU events scheduled for Friday:
NEW DELHI: Commissioner for common commercial policy Sir Leon Brittan pays official visit to India mol Jan. 2, meeting Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and other government members.

BRUSSELS: EU fisheries ministers continue meeting to set catch quotas for 1996.

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

### Russians Press Chechen Town; **Its Mayor Says** 100 Civilians Die

MOSCOW - Russian troops pressed ahead with an attack to clear rebels out of Chechnya's second higgest town Thursday, and its mayor said the fighting had killed more than 100 civilians.

Ramzan Vatsayev, the mayor of Gudermes, said after reaching the region's capital, Grozny: "The Russian troops are using long-range weapons. There are bodies lying in the town center. They can not be huried because of continued shelling."

Mr. Vatsayev said that in fighting Wednesday in the town, 30 kilometers (20 miles) east of Grozny, the Russians had fired from helicopters on rebels and civilians.

The army has been concentrating its attack on a vital railroad link in Gudermes, where separatist rebels surrounded a group of Russian soldiers more than a week ago. In Moscow, the government held its first cabinet meeting since the new fighting

erupted in the region.
On Wednesday, Russian troops used artillery and rocket fire to lift a rebel siege of

army headquarters in Gudermes. A Russian military source said in an interview with the Interfax news agency that troops were unable to use the full force

of their heavy artillery against the separatists in the town. "The troops no longer have room for maneuver with the firing force of tanks and

artillery because of the great risk of civilian casualties," he was quoted as saying. "The rebels are taking advantage of the situation to organize resistance all over the town."

six Russian soldiers had been killed in Chechnya, including Gudermes, in the past 24 hours, and that 18 had been wounded.

It was not possible to get independent confirmation of any of the reports on the fighting in Gudermes.

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Refugees fleeing the fighting on Wednesday said that the Russian Aimy had subjected it to the worst shelling they had seen in more than a year of war. News reports described intense street

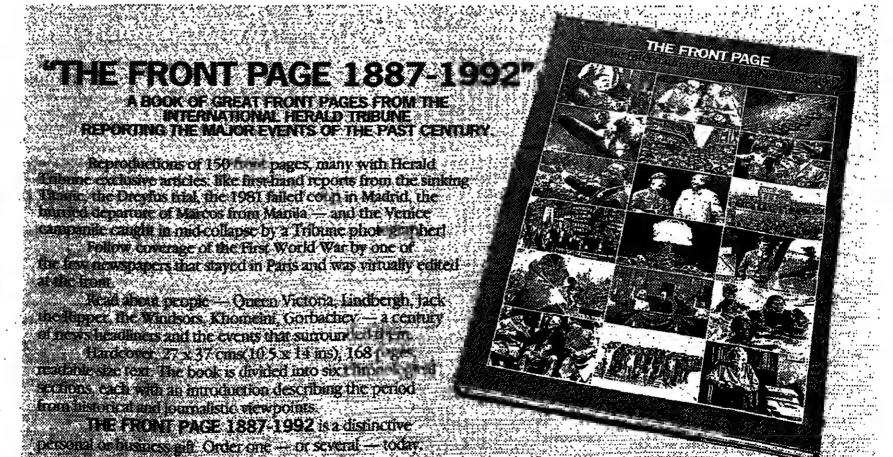
banles in the town as Russian commanders sent in helicopters loaded with reinforcements to break through lines of Chechen separatists surrounding Russians holed up in strong points. Thousands of soldiers, rebels and civil-

ians have died in Chechnya in the year since President Boris N. Yeltsin ordered troops into the region to crush its bid for independence.

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warring factions that its 60,000 troops we need to go. would go where they pleased.

the alliance has ever mustered fanned one-time warring faction chiefs at the out across the country, tearing down first meeting of a Joint Military Comroadblocks and passing front lines its mission set up to monitor implemen-UN predecessor never crossed.

'l am an optimist.'' said Admiral Leighton Smith, the overall commander of the NATO implementation force. "I am just tickled pink with what I see already.

Admiral Smith met military leaders of the Muslims, Croats and Bosnian Serbs to tell them how he planned to enforce the peace their political leaders signed in Paris last week.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina successful" talks that his multina- first but back it up with firepower. -NATO moved quickly Thursday to tional force from more than 30 naimpose a peace strategy on the ruins tions would exercise complete freeof Bosnia and told leaders of former dom of movement and go "wherever

Admiral Smith laid down his plans Units of the biggest peacetime force at a heavily guarded meeting with the tation of the Paris peace accord.

The British defense minister, Michael Portillo, said Britain's 13,000-strong contingent would use force if necessary against anyone who tried to break the pact ending the worst conflict in Europe since World War

armed than the UN troops and backed hy a strong international resolve. Speaking of the British contingent

on a brief visit to Sarajevo, he said, use force if that is necessary to im- men to withdraw. plement the peace agreement.

'You'll find," he added, "that the defend themselves, but also to take action against anyone who may try to break the peace agreement. The tenor of Admiral Smith and

Mr. Portillo's remarks signaled international determination to put an end to a conflict that killed almost a quarter of a million people in 31/2 years and made up to 3 million homeless. One of NATO's first challenges

will be to demilitarize the shell-

He said he had told them at "very would try persuasion and argument pocked Bosnian capital. The Paris dition he not be identified, attributed accord says that militias must abandon their positions within one week. It will be the task of French troops, "It is perfectly clear that they are whose commanders have ideotified a

armed in such a way to defend them-number of key positions from which selves and they have the authority to they want Serbian and Muslim gun-Some European countries taking

part in the NATO force fear that forces are much more prepared to America's 20,000 men, assembling at the onrtheastern Bosnian base of Tuzla, may be too heavy-handed when they are deployed, despite Admiral Smith's pledge that they are not cowboys looking for a fight.

In Washington, meanwhile, a U.S. defense official said that the army had pushed back by several days, to Dec. 30, the start date for the main U.S. ground force to enter Bosnia.

The official, who spoke on con-

Balkans recently and to rail travel constraints imposed by Austrian and Hungarian authorities.

The main U.S. ground troops, a civilian hotask force of 13,000 from the 1st ficial said. Armored Division, will begin moving into northern Bosnia from Hungary once a floating bridge is built by army engineers across the Sava River separating Bosnia from Croatia.

An army engineer company had planned to lay the 300-meter span planned to lay the 300-meter span and 2,890 in Hungary, according to a across the Sava around Dec. 24, but count provided by the Pentagon. that has been pushed back by six days, the defense official said. The troops, driving 67-ton tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles, bave no other land regular bridges are standing.

The U.S. troops have been travsouthern Hungary from their home bases in Germany, but Austria and Hungary have limited the number of the delay to foul weather that has eling by rail to a staging area in hampered military operations in the southern Hungary from their home Hungary have limited the number of train trips to avoid disrupting heavy civilian holiday rail travel, the of-

On Wednesday, Defense Secretary William J. Perry said the full U.S. peacekeeping force of 20,000 soldiers will make it to Bosnia by February.

As of Wednesday, there were 1,460 U.S. troops in Bosnia, 851 in Croatia

Mr. Perry said he had told U.S. commanders in the Balkans not to take extraordinary measures to hasten the deployment. "I'm not conroute into northern Bosnia because no cerned about the pace of the deployment," Mr. Perry said (Reuters, AP)

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The prime minister also

hopes that lowering the con-

tributions employers must

make on the salaries they pay

would make them less reluctant

Nicole Notat, whose French

Democratic Labor Confedera-

don supports much of the gov-

ernment plan, said she hoped

the meeting would produce

that with 21.7 percent.

## **Court Gives** Brother of 16 Months

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputch MILAN - The younger

brother of Silvio Berlusconi the former prime minister and a media tycoon, was sentenced Thursday to 16 months in jail for paying bribes to get a building permit for a golf course.

Judge Paolo Arbasino passed lighter sentence on Paolo Beriusconi than was requested by prosecutors in recognition of a payment he made to the court of 1.3 billion lire (\$800,000) in

damages. The prosecution had demanded a jail sentence of two years and six months. A total of 40 people were dicted in the case.

Mr. Berlusconi was convicted of paying bribes totaling more than a billion lire to local councilors in the town of Pieve Emanuele, outside Milan. The golf course was built later by dilnord, a building company

belonging to Mr. Berlusconi. He will stay out of jail pending an appeal announced by his lawyer, Vittorio Virga, who alleged that the payments had been extorted by corrupt politicians in keeping with what was standard practice at the time.

agreement on hiring young "Paolo Beriusconi has not committed a crime," Mr. Virga said. "The sentence strikes me as extremely unjust. We'll win the appeal.

The extortion defense has also been used by Silvio Berlusconi, due to stand trial on corruption charges in January in connection with payments by his Fininvest company to tax

coni's trial was delayed twice pending the outcome of an appeal by his lawyers to the Court of Cassation, Italy's highest court, to have the hearing moved to Brescia. The appeal

was thrown out last week. Paolo Berlusconi said later that if he had not paid the bribes he would never have been able to get the golf course built and that employees of his building company would have suffered as a result.

"This in fact was the only, even if painful, way to be able to work and to prevent the company and its employees suffering serious and irreparable dant-

The sentence follows a request by prosecutors on

defense minister, Cesare Previti. and two Justice Ministry inspectors are accused of having used information about Mr. Di Pietro's past to force him to quit Milan's elite team of anti-graft

### **Ends Love Canal Case**

The Associated Press Love Canal

16 years of legal battles with the

### **Espionage Charges** Plunge Poland Into A Deepening Crisis

WARSAW--- Poland's po-litical crisis deepened Thursday on the eve of the inauguration of a new president, as Prime Minister Jozef Oleksy continued to fend off charges that he

worked as a Soviet spy. Interior Minister Andrzej Milczanowski told Parliament on Thursday that Mr. Oleksy had sent "news and documents including secrets, in full knowledge" to foreign intelligence agents over the past five years.

#### **DIVORCE:** The 'What Ifs?'

Continued from Page 1

somehow be giveo a place in the arcana of court protocol. Furthermore, ber looks and crowd-pleasing style bave won considerable popularity, bringing a touch of humanity to a 1995 family that strikes many as aloof and frigid. Her publicly contacts with foreign intellidocumented tribulations, ranging from bulimia to post-partum depression and self-mutiicon of suffering that some source of information, with his identify with.

Lastly, there is the question and her new assertiveness.

'She won't go quietly that's the problem." she said, speaking of herself in the third view, she let drop the subversive thought that perhaps Prince Charles was not temperamen- former Communist. tally suited to be king and sug-

would like to be a roving ambassador for Britain, a prospect that does not go down very well at the British Foreign Office, and be given a role as a person who cares about the ill and the poor.

Members of the royal family and the government are surely aware that in times of crisis for the royal family one key element affecting outcome is

What drove Edward VIII from the throne was public opinion articulated by a Tory prime minister and backbenchers," said David Starkey, a consti-tutional expert at the London Scbonl of Economics. "Public beard saying that he and the opinion is not yet ready to drive person he was speaking to "had Charles from the throne and 1 to change the nature of their don't think it ever will be."

Mr. Oleksy denied the charges as "provocation" but then added that some of what Mr. Milczanowski said "came very close to the truth.

He acknowledged having had "frequent contacts" with Soviet and Russian diplomats in the past, but said he could not even remember their names.

And so what?" he asked. "I have never been an agent for anyone," he said io Par-liament. "It is Jozef Oleksy who says this before the Diet of the Polish Republic." He also accused the interior minister of falsifying documents to back up his allegations.

Mr. Oleksy added that once he was informed that one of his acquaintances was a KGB agent, he stopped seeing the

Mr. Milczanowski, for his part, said that Mr. Oleksy had banded over documents "dur-ing a series of meetings" which took place between 1990 and

He said that Mr. Oleksy had gence ageots from 1982-83 right up until 1995, when he was prime minister, and that he lation, have made her a 1990s was "registered as a qualified pseudooym" by this service.

The dispute broke on Tuesof Diana's obvious bitterness day wheo the outgoing presitoward ber busband and in-laws dent, Lech Walesa, accused Mr. Oleksy of unspecified activities prejudicial to state security.

Alexander Kwasniewski, is to person in a BBC interview a be inaugurated on Saturday. month ago. In the same inter- Mr. Kwasniewski defeated Mr Walesa in the election last month. Like Mr. Oleksy, be is a

Earlier Thursday, the daily gested that perhaps the crown should go directly to ber son. Gazeta Wyborcza reported that should go directly to ber son. And she also said that she photographs of Mr. Oleksy with two suspected Russian spies.

Citing military prosecutors, it said that Mr. Oleksy had "contacts with at least two KGB officers during the past five years. in Warsaw and Moscow. Polish intelligence also

caught him on video and uncovered the names of his contacts and the times and dates he met them, and also had recordings of their telephone conversations, it added. Meanwhile the private Radio

Zet station quoted a former Communist politician as saying



Mr. Juppé waiting Thursday for union and employer representatives to arrive.

#### FRANCE: Social Summit Opens taxes. Employees pay 6.8 per-

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some of his plans — to eliminate 3,750 miles of rural branch lines and special retirement rules that allow many railroad workers to start collecting pensions at the age of 50.

Rail service was back to normal across the country Thurs-day except in Marseille, where to hire new workers. Nicole Notat, who strikes continue.

Some of the union leaders attending Mr. Juppé's meeting have demanded that he withdraw the rest of a plan he announced last month to eliminate the \$13 billion annual deficit in the health and pension system.

The unions that called for the strike are going to raise the question with the prime minister, and we'll see how much negotiation he accepts," said Marc Blondel, the leader of the one-million-strong Workers' Force union, which spearheaded the strikes along with the communist-led General Confederation of Labor. Mr. Blon-del said the talks had got off to a 'relatively bad start.'

Jean Gandois, the head of the biggest employers' group, agreed to attend only reluctantly, and said he would refuse to discuss union demands for wage increases and for reducing the work week to create more jobs.

Mr. Juppé invited his guests to suggest ways of creating more entry-level jobs for young workers by cutting social insurance premiums on wages and agreeing to flexible working bours.

President Jacques Chirac, whose popularity has taken a beating along with Mr. Juppe's, urged the prime minister to use the meeting to help broaden understanding of the governfinancial underpinnings of the health and pensioo system.

Mr. Juppé wants to find ways to reduce the burden the system creates oo wages, since it is entirely financed by payroll

Press accounts have alleged that the cerning allegations of payoffs to mumoney in the accounts was a payoff for nicipalities in exchange for waterworks

not be prosecuted for payments that its largest client, the state telephone occurred before June 1989. These are monopoly France Telecom.

According to Le Monde, the move by the judge follows an acknowledgment by Mr. Bouygues that his company had contributed to Mr. Noir's slush fund.

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Lyonnaise des Eaux and Générale des Eaux have both been investigated contributed to Mr. Noir's slush fund.

the granting to Bouygues and to Dumez

of a 6 billion franc contract to build and

operate the northern segment of the Lyon

Even if the judge were to decide to charge and try Mr. Bouygues, he could

covered by a blanket amnesty law on

political donations voted then. Accord-

ing to Le Monde, Mr. Bouygues could.

however, be charged with misuse of

#### workers. "If an enterprise hires two people, one of them ought to be under 25," she said. Mr. Juppé's spokesman, lain Lamassoure, said:

"There was broad convergence on the French sickness and the anguish of our compatriots, but there continue to be real differences on the remedies."

French Mayor **Bans All Dogs In City Center** 

France - For the first time ever in France, a city mayor has banned all dogs from a pedestrian zone in the city's center in a radical effort to clean it up.

Even dogs on leashes will be outlawed under the ruling by Raymond Chesa, who says the only way to stop the mess in the picturesque southern city of Carcassonne is to ban dogs completely. He says pooper-scoopers are ineffective in a busy pedestrian zone. Some locals are furious.

'My dog is clean and not dangerous. He doesn't go everywhere, so why shouldn't I walk him?" asked one.

Suard, was forced to step down this year

use of corporate funds. Alcatel has also

admitted to consistently overcharging

vestigated on separate bid-rigging charges and on allegations that TF1.

which it controls with a 39 percent

Bouygues, meanwhile, is being in-

monopoly France Telecom.

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age," he said in a statement.

Prosecutors also called for the indictment of Mr. Di Pietro on charges of extortion and abuse of office. (Reuters, AFP)

### \$129 Million Accord

U.S. government over the notorious toxic dumping case.

#### Tuesday

### STYLE

From Paris to Milan, from New York to Tokyo, fashion editor Suzy Menkes covers the fashion front. With additional reporting on lifestyle issues, the Style section provides up-to-date information on developments in the changing world of creative design.

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#### Arson in Vienna Is Aimed at U.S.

comment on the case.

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allegedly used to finance a poliocal slush fund for Mr. Botton's father-in-law.

Michel Noir, the former mayor of Lyon

The investigation is a judicial soap

opera that has kept France's attention

for the past few years. Mr. Botton was convicted in 1992 for misuse of cor-

porate funds. This summer, he was sen-

tenced in a separate case to four years in

jail, but is free pending appeal.

He was arrested Wednesday as he pre-

pared to board a flight to the United

States, and is also expected to be placed

under investigation by Judge Courroye

Celine Ode, a spokeswoman for

Bouygues, said the company would not

and a former foreign-trade minister.

The Associated Press VIENNA — Anti-American radicals demanding that NATO get out of Bosnia and the Islamic world claimed responsibility Thursday for an arson attack on an American Express office in the western city of Salzburg.

A group calling itself Cell for Internationalism claimed responsibility for the attack in a letter addressed to Austrian state televison. It protested "the imperialist war policy under the leadership of the

According to the police, two unidentified youths were seen breaking a window of the office in central Salzburg early Wednesday. They threw what was believed to be a gasoline bomb into the office and fled on bicycles. No one was hurt, but the office was extensively dam-

#### French Official in Israel

Agence France-Presse BEN GURION AIRPORT. Israel - Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette arrived here Thursday on his first official



French officials, who began inves-

tigating Mr. Botton in 1992, discovered

in 1993 two Swiss bank accounts in his

name which contained more than 10

million francs. Mr. Botton has said he

opened the accounts on orders from his

father-in-law, Mr. Noir, and that they

were used to create a political slush fund

for the poliocian while be was running

mayor of Lyon, is currently appealing a conviction handed down in April for

receiving the proceeds of fraud. He has

repeatedly denied having knowledge of

Apart from the 2 million francs traced

Mr. Noir, who was not re-elected as

for mayor of Lyon.

**BOUYGUES:** Another Prominent French Executive Faces Possible Corruption Charges

FAITHFUL - Communists standing next to a bust of Stalin at the Kremlin wall on Thursday, his birthday.

## corporate funds. The investigation of Mr. Bouygues to obtain the broadcast rights to the follows a rash of corruption scandals in

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with vivid memories of three military coups in the last 30 years, was seen here, as another diplomat put it, as "a reminder that the military is still there," ready to fill its role as guardians of Turkey's secular state.

The Welfare Party's strength can also be judged by the vehemence of the attacks now being launched against it by both Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's True Path Party, and her chief nomic and political ties to Eurival. Mesut Yilmaz of the Motherland Party, as they battle their way to a three-way finish.

Welfare Party, or Refah, as it is called in Turkish, whose leaders, if anything, relish their po-rapid modernization. sitions as pariahs among Turkey's secular, Western-oriented clite. "It is very interesting," said

Hasan Husein Ceylan, a deputy chairman of the party. whenever the media criticizes Refah, we just get stronger. And when the other parties say they will not join us in a coalition, our chances increase.

said. 'We want to come to power through democratic means, but if they don't respect Home to recent arrivals from this process — if they react as Turkey's fast-emptying vil-the government did in Algeria lages, these neighborhoods are - it will be an unjust approach, and then blood will be shed.

The Dec. 24 elections, held

TURKEY: Major Gains Seen for Fundamentalists

one year ahead of schedule, were supposed to cap Mrs.
Cilier's recent diplomatic triumph in clinching a long-awaitipal bakeries operated by the umph in clinching a long-await-ed customs union that has strengthened Turkey's ecorope. But it has not proved to be the winning ticket Mrs. Ciller hoped for, as Turkish voters But the barrage of criticism look for ways to signal their and warnings has done little to discontent with high inflation, a dampen the optimism of the high rate of unemployment,

These are the issues that have fueled the Welfare Party's recent surge, along with its appeal to a Muslim faith, shared by 98 percent of Turkey's 65 million population, that many feel has been shunted aside during seven decades of secular rule. And its messages has been warmly welcomed in the ramshackle tenements that ring Ankara, Is-Refah will come to power, tanbul and 22 other Turkish whether they like it or not," he cities and towns where the Wel-

the key to Sunday's results. There, people have little time for the much-heralded customs union agreement, and talk ad-

Welfare Party. On a national level, the Welfare Party's platform is more rhetorical than specific, with vague promises to bring Turkey back into the Islamic fold, and to undo the damage done by its sellout to the West, all within the rules of parliamentary

democracy. But for sober-minded Welfare backers like Fehmi Kori. editor of the newspaper Zaman, the real challenge put before the Turkish electorate this year is the de-demonizing of Islam.

For years, we have been living in fear of Communists, of Kurds, of Islamists, and all of it. is a sham," he said. "The Warfare Party will never trespassors Turkish democracy, and they should have a chance to free the country of these shackles of

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Sentencing in Paolo Berlus-

Wednesday for Paolo Berlusconi to be sent for trial for his alleged part in pressuring a former investigating magistrate, Antonio Di Pietro, to resign a year ago.
Mr. Beriusconi, the former

investigators.

#### Alcatel Alsthom's chairman, Pierre and placed under investigation for mis-

BUFFALO, New York -Occidental Chemical Corp. agreed Thursday to pay \$129 million in cleanup costs for The settlement all but ends

#### INTERNATIONAL

## British General Defined the Solution to Peacekeeping in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The Bosnian Serbs didn't throw much of a good-bye party for Rupert Smith. The farewell to the British commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia lasted only 20 minutes, and the parting gift was paltry: a tiny pin of a Serbian eagle.

It is not surprising that Lieutenant General Rupert Smith leaves Bosnia as one of the most hated UN officers by the Bosnian Serbs. The 52-year-old general played a key role in breaking their three and a half year siege of Sarajevo and creating the conditions for a peace that left the Serbs with 49 percent of Bosnia. An earlier peace plan had offered them 60 percent. They rejected it, thinking they would make off with something better. They never did.

queaths another legacy in Bosnia - to the

first UN commander here to act on the critical point that deadly force and the willingness to use it were key elements in a percent of Bosnia to a little less than half, successful peacemaking operation.

#### **NEWS ANALYSIS**

War-era type of peacekeeping that relied solely on the good will of the warring factions to do their job. If a checkpoint blocked your path, you negotiated. If that didn't work, you talked some more.

implement a peace deal signed in Paris. Western diplomats consider General

But the media-shy commander also be- Smith's role in Bosnia one of the three removed unheeded, General Smith asked elements contributing to the recent peace NATO to bomb a Serbian ammunition

joint Creatian and Bosnian Muslim offensive that cut Serbian holdings from 72

Back in March, when Secretary-General This message was heretical to UN bu-reaucrats, who were schooled in a Cold tions was drawing up a report on the flatling tions was drawing up a report on the flailing UN mission here, General Smith recom-mended two options, his aides say: with-drawal, or the deployment of thousands of troops into the war zone to force the Croats, Muslims and Serbs to make peace.

His recommendations went unheeded. The general's next chance to chip away didn't work, you talked some more.

The success of General Smith's endeavor is demonstrated in the 60,000 well-armed NATO troops now rumhling into Bosnia to coming near Sarajevo, brought four heavy "He was weapons near the Bosnian capital.

On May 25, his demands that they be

United Nations. While some of his five plan. The other two are renewed U.S. dump on the outskirts of Pale, the Serbian General Smith, who throughout his terrure predecessors said it, General Smith was the diplomatic and military leadership and a mountain stronghold 15 kilometers from as commander of all the UN troops in the Sarajevo. General Smith had thrown down former Yugoslavia has been uneasy about the gauntlet

The Serbs responded the next day by firing a shell on the UN-designated "safe area" of Tuzla, killing more than 70 people. General Smith ordered another strike. Then the Serbs began taking UN soldiers hostage - a total of 400 were captured. Some were chained to military installations;

General Smith's instinct was to continue the campaign until the Serbs complied by handing back the four heavy weapons. According to an aide, he viewed the hostage crisis as irrelevant because "that's a sol-

some were humiliated on Serbian TV.

"He was ready to escalate but Zagreb clipped his wings," he said.
"Zagreb" was the UN leadership of Mr. Akashi and of General Bernard Janvier of Reaction Force of tanks and artillery onto the France, a much more cautious man than top of Mount Igman overlooking Sarajevo.

using force. Behind General Smith's back they had already begun negoriations with the Bosnian Serbian leadership for the release of the hostages. General Janvier even struck a secret deal with the Bosnian Serbian commander, General Ratko Mladic, that air strikes would be abandoned, a deal

he ultimately could not keep. In July, events accelerated. Uochallenged by the UN mission around Sarajevo, the Serbs took the hint and turned their attention to the UN "safe areas" of Srebrenica and Zepa, which fell to Serbian attacks by the middle of the month. That rout and images of tens of thousands of Muslim women and children streaming in-

to Tuzla galvanized the Western powers.

Britain and France dispatched a Rapid

The Western powers met in London and vowed to protect the remaining safe areas of Gorazde, Tuzla, Sarajevo and Bihac.

On Aug. 28, the Serbs attacked Sarajevo with five mortar shells. Four landed harmlessly, a fifth killed 38 people and wounded 85 in a crowded market.

On Aug. 29, after ensuring that the last British soldier had pulled out of Gorazde, General Smith requested NATO to begin air strikes around Sarajevo. Significantly, the reticent General Janvier was out of

Two weeks later the Serbs bowed to NATO's demands and pulled their heavy weapons from around Sarajevo. Soon after that U.S.-brokered negotiations in Dayton,

Ohio, began.
"Smith saw that our choice was indefinite appeasement or an action which would push us to crisis," said another senior UN official. "He decided he had to push us to the crisis.

### U.S. Acts on Muslim Army Pentagon Aide Is Named Coordinator

By Michael Dobbs Washington Post Service

Clinton administration has taken the first concrete steps to- historical links with the Bosniward upgrading the army of the an Muslims, as the imperial Muslim-led Bosnian govern- power that converted millions flict, and a 120-day embargo on ment by appointing a senior of Slavs to Islam during six supplying heavy weapons.

Pentagon official to coordinate centuries. The Turkish Foreign The administration also is the effort and talking with Turkey about providing train-

The administration's moves ment with Bosnia soon. come under pressure from the Republican-controlled Senate, of its Bosnian Serbian counterpart. West European govern- view, Turkey is an attractive

coordinating the equip-and-train operation, and integrating it with the arms reduction ef-a U.S. official said. Adminisforts mandated by the Dayton tration officials see Turkey as a Muslims from further Serbian peace agreement, had been given to James Pardew, in charge ical Islamic countries such as ing for ways of reassuring of Bosnia policy at the Pen- Iran, which provided the Bosni- America's European allies, tagon until last week. Mr. an Army with weapons during Mr. Pardew said no "acti Pardew will head an interageo the war. cy task force, operating out of

WASHINGTON — The to administratioo inquiries has note that the Dayton agreement linton administration has tak- been Turkey, which has deep imposes a 90-day embargo on Ministry announced Monday

The equip-and-train effort was one of several issues dis-

ments are strongly opposed to arming the Bosnian Muslims. military partner in Bosnia. "As a secular democracy governing U.S. officials said the task of a predominantly Muslim pop-

countries in joining and financing the project. ing for the "immediate" proing the project. vision of military assistance to The first country to respond the Bosnian Muslims. They supply of any weapons to parocipants in the Bosnian con-

concerned about compromising that Turkey is ready to sign a formal defense training agreement with Bosnia soon. the impartiality of the 60,000-strong NATO-led force in Bosnia, which includes 20,000 U.S. troops as well as 1,300 Turkish soldiers, who will which voted last week to ap- cussed at a high-level U.S.- serve in the American sector. prove the Bosnia peacekeeping operation on condition that it is accompanied by efforts to bring Jan M. Lodal, a top Pentagon the Muslim army up to the level policymaker.

Turkish military meeting in This is one reason why responsibility for coordinating the arm-and-train effort has been given to the State Department

From the American point of rather than the Pentagon. As director of the State Department's task force on mil-itary stabilization, Mr. Pardew has a delicate balancing act to perform. He must satisfy Congress that the United States is doing enough to protect the

Mr. Pardew said no "activeduty U.S. military personnel" cy task force, operating out of the State Department, which will attempt to interest other by the State Department of the State Department which about going too fast, despite last keep a distance from the NATO will attempt to interest other week's Senate resolution call-

### Train Collision Kills 75 in Egypt

BADRASHEEN, Egypt — In the worst disaster on Egyptian railroads for more than 15 years, 75 people were killed and 76 injured on Thursday when a crowded train ran into the back of another in thick fog.

Witnesses in the town of Badrasheen, 28 killengers (17 miles) another for Cairn and

kilometers (17 miles) south of Cairo, said an early-morning train taking about 120 workers south to the town of Beni Suef rammed a train to Assiut city at high

One car rode up on top of the others and two derailed, one of them onto wooden stalls by the side of the track.

Police said the first train, the one traveling to Assiut city, had about 220 people aboard. The trains should have been about five minutes apart but the Assiut train had slowed down because of the fog, a police

The driver of the second train, Mahmood Ali, said the first train should not have been there and that he saw no red signal as he came to the last grade crossing before the crash. Mr. Ali had his right leg amputated from the knee down in Badrasheen hospital

and could hardly speak.

Last April, 49 people were killed when a train and a bus crowded with textile factory workers collided on a grade crossing near the Nile Delta town of Quweisna. But officials hlamed the bus driver, saying he ignored flashing lights.

In 1987, 63 schoolchildren were killed in a bus when their driver tried to take a shortcut across the Cairo-Suez track.



Workers removing bodies after the train collision near Cairo.

### 160 on Jet Die In Andes Crash

BUGA, Colombia - Four people survived when an American Airlines jet carrying 164 people from Miami crashed into a mountain in the Andes and burst into a fireball, the Red Cross said Thurs-

A Red Cross worker, Luis Caiceolo, said two children, a man and a woman had been rescued. He did not say what condition they were in. Colombian au-thorities and American Airlines earlier said everyone on board was killed.

The cause of the crash, which occurred Wednesday night in a rebel area in southwestern Colombia; was not known. Attorney General Janet Reno said a team of FBI agents was headed to the site but that there was oo indication that the crash was anything more than accidental,

American Airlines said the Boeing 757 was carrying 156 people — including four infants — and eight crew members. One report said that most of the passengers were Colombians traveling to see their families for the holidays.

Flight 965 lost radio contact at about 9:45 P.M. while flying over Buga, a town 65 kilometers (40 miles) north of Cali, where the plane was headed.

"We saw the plane crash against a mountain and theo a huge fireball erupted," a witness told Radio Caracol.

A Colombian aviation official said the plane was only four minutes from its scheduled landing, and that there were oo reports of inclement weather in the area.

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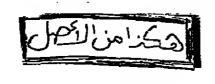
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### EDITORIALS/OPINION

### Onward Toward the Euro

Taking a deep breath, Europe's top politicians have committed themselves to the next step toward a tighter union of their 15 countries. Meeting in Madrid last weekend, the European Union agreed on a timetable for a common currency. This new money — to be known, unimaginatively, as the euro — has taken on an importance that goes far beyond finance.

It is the essential part of a grand design to pull the European democracies more tightly together and, specifically, to ancbor a unified Germany permanently to its Western allies.

While the Germans welcome its political implications, they insist that the new currency has to be stable - meaning low inflation, which in turn means low budget deficits.

The French government's attempt to get its budget deficit down set off the wave of transport workers' strikes that disrupted the country this month, at a huge cost to the economy. The whole episode stands as an ominous warning to other European governments with high deficits, a category that includes most of them. Under the timetable adopted at Madrid, they have two years to meet the new currency's criteria.

France, or at least the French gov-ernment, is determined to make that deadline. If it doesn't, there won't be any euro.

both France and Germany, the two countries on whose active cooperation everything in the European Union depends.

But even if France qualifies, half of the Union's countries won't. As the French strikes and much other evideoce suggest, the common currency is an idea for which the European governments have never had strong public support. Britain has already said that it will stay out. It seems hardly possible that Italy and Spain, among others, can get their enormous deficits down to the required level.

That raises the possibility that the common currency, intended to tie the European Union more closely together, will in fact have the effect of splitting it. One zone would bave great economic and financial strength, the other much less.

European politics is now centered ob-sessively on these questions of the currency, the deficits, the future shape of the European economy and who is going to be left out. Those concerns are taking priority over all others, including those, like Bosnia, that are of greater interest to Americans. Proceeding toward the commoo currency is going to be a perilous undertaking — although, as the 15 countries at the Madrid meeting agreed, oot as perilous as turning back.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

### Make a Budget Deal

As budget talks floundered in Washington on Wednesday, President Bill Clinton angrily blamed the band of firebreathing conservative Republican freshmen in the House for preventing the speaker, Newt Gingrich, from negotiating seriously. The president was not wrong in his assessmeot, but he was not wbolly right, either. The negotiations are at an impasse at least as much because Mr. Clintoo has not shown his own hand on where he wants the budget to go.

With a substancal part of the government still shut down in the week before Christmas, both sides need to take the process more seriously and make concessions to get things going.

The budget talks come at an extremely fluid time on both sides of the aisle. Oo the Republican side, the first signs of disagreement are emerging between Mr. Gingrich and Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader. After the first budget shutdown of a few weeks ago, Mr. Dole was not the only one to recognize that it was the Republicans, not Mr. Clinton, who not the unblich blome for international got the public's blame for intransigence. He bas made it clear that he did not agree with keeping the government shuttered in this second round. The president slyly weot out of his way on Wednesday to drive a wedge into the Republican camp by praising Mr. Dole for making a goodfaith effort to negotiate, as opposed to

But on the Democratic side the divisions are even deeper. Many liberal Democrats were dismayed when Mr. Clinton boxed himself in last month by promising to balance the budget according to congressional scorekeeping. They feared that in order to get a deal he would scrap key parts of his agenda, including programs that protect poor children. But if he refuses to move toward the Republicans, he risks losing the support of dozens of moderate and conservative Democrats. Among these is a group of lawmakers calling themselves the Blue Dogs, a parody of the old term "yellow dog Democrats." whose party loyalty was so great that they would vote for a yellow dog over a Republican. Right now it is the

conservative and moderate Democrats and some moderate Republicans in the House and Senate who are waiting for Mr.

Clinton in sit at the table and deal. In face-to-face oegotiations with Re-publican leaders, Mr. Clinton has been stalling. He effectively reneged on his promise to show how he would balance a budget in seven years, using the more conservative economic assumptions of the Coogressional Budget Office. In fact, his plan fell at least \$300 billion short. Tactically, it may have been shrewd of him to hold back. The opinion polls show that the White House has captured the high ground politically, with growing numbers of Americans viewing the president as resolute in protecting programs that help children, the poor and the elderly. But now he should move. He should seize on some of the ideas of the centrists and try to forge a unified Democratic position that modifies the White House's original proposals.

Specifically, Mr. Clinton should con-

tinue to demand that the Republicans modify their cuts, preserving federally guaranteed Medicaid, food stamps and nutritioo programs. In exchange, he should radically scale back, if not drop, his proposed middle-class tax cut.

The Blue Dogs favor no tax cut at all until the budget is balanced, a position that might give the president some cover if he moves toward it. He would also move the talks along by signaling a willingness to raise the heavily subsidized premiums that the elderly pay for Medicare. Republican leaders have gone first oo this proposal, and it has won some

support among the moderate Democrats.

The deal that could emerge from this process is probably not one that liberals would swallow. Nor is it one that the cadre of true believers breathing down Mr. Gingrich's neck would accept. But with the right mix of concessions and demands, Mr. Clinton might be able to break the current impasse, get a better deal than he could get from endless delays, and preserve a broad set of principles on which he can run for re-election.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### Other Comment

**Indicted as War Criminals** 

Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serbian warlord, is reported holed up in a mountain bunker and drinking heavily. Dusan Tudic, accused of murder, rape and torture of Muslims, sits in a Dutch jail. These two and 50 others, ethnic Serbs and Croats and one Muslim, have been indicted as war criminals, the worst of a brutal lot in a conflict without pity. None should be given to them if they are found guilty.

Only Mr. Tudic, whose alleged crimes

are too sadistic to be described here, is in custody. The 52 have been indicted by the United Nations tribunal at The Hague, but the leaders of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina so far have not turned over any indicted countrymen.

Indictments were returned in absentia against 45 Bosoian Serbs, including Mr. Tudic. Many of their crimes were committed early in the war, during the initial frenzy of "ethnic cleansing." The cam-paign involved driving Muslims from their homes, killing those who resisted and raping the women in a deliberate assault against Muslim genetic lines.

Where they could, the less well-armed Muslim forces took revenge by artacking Serbian civilians, and Croats were aggressors and victims in similar outrages.

The NATO peacekeeping force has begun deploying in Bosnia with no orders to seek out war criminals. An indicted thug would probably have to wave a warrant for his arrest under the nose of NATO security to be taken into custody, Western diplomats say.

President Franco Tudiman of Croatia, an ultranationalist, probably would not countenance turning over any of his sol-diers, and the United Nations has little influence over him. President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia is more exposed. Most of the accused are Bosnian Serbs, agitated by his regime. And the UN Security Council brought the Serbian economy to its knees with a trade embargo for arming the Bosnian cousins. The threat could be

The world community must press for compliance. But even without it, history shows that sometime, somewhere there is a bullet waiting for men like these.

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# Russia Will Be a Challenge to Western Diplomacy

PARIS — Anger, bewilderment, pain and fear of the future brought the Communist Party back to popularity in Russia only four years after it was ousted from power and the Soviet Union dissolved. It was above all a vote of "no" to the government and reforms as Russians have experienced them.

The significance is not to be overblown. It does not mean that Russia is about to revert to a Communist dictatorship again. Gennadi Zyuganov, 53 but almost a caricature of the old-fashiooed apparatchik, brought his list in first with more than 20 percent of the vote for the half of the Duma seats elected by proportional representation. The other half was elected in single-

member constituencies, with many candidates running as independents, so real party strength cannot be measured until the new legislature is organized. In any case, the constitution gives effective power to the president. A presidential election is due next June.

But neither can the vote be brushed aside. It was a measure of the inteose discontent in the country, and lack of confidence in change. In Moscow a week before the elections, Grigori Yavlinsky, who heads the determinedly reformist Yabloko bloc, told me ruefully that he wasn't doing as well as he had hoped because "I'm not seen as real opposition

By Flora Lewis

— people hate the government so much they support its all-out enemies."

Campaigning, Mr. Zyuganov pulled out the stops. "Democracy is a mess," he declared. "Russia is a bleeding wound. Of all the disasters that have befallen Russia during her long and tragic history. this is the worst.

He played to the comforting old suspicions of foreign conspiracy. Russia has fallen victim to a psychological war, he said, launched by the United States on its drive for global domination. He painted the independent domestic media as a tool for subversion and disorientation, and his elderly audiences applauded dutifully. (Thirty million Russians, ooe in five, are pensioners )

The Zyuganov message is carefully, tactically focused. In speeches to foreigners and interviews with foreign journalists, he reassures that be doesn't want to restore a one-party state or a dictatorship, explaining that he haso't changed the party's name to something about social democracy, as many other Commu-nist parties have, "because our name is appropriate for us.

But before his supporters he draws oo nostalgia, on the yearning for certitude, on the image of egalitarianism even is privatized.

The anti-American diatribes have

broad resonance. All across the spectrum of opinion, from the most pro-Western to the most oationalistic, there are complaints about what Russians feel is the bad treatment they are getting from those whom they expected to be partners.

There was too much euphoria about anticipated floods of help, too much selfdelusion about equality of standing in the Cold War, so disappointment was inevitable. But there is more than that, a growing bitterness and a new sense of need for defense against being exploited to the advantage of others.

It is a matter of urgency to burry up and get the START-2 treaty ratified providing for dismantlement of 12,000 nuclear warheads in the American and Russian arsenals. Russian analysts consider spring the effective deadline, because then presidential politics will bring renewed dem-

agognery and distortion.

At last there is a breakthrough on the American side stalling ratification, with a pledge from the obstinate Senator Jesse Helms to seed the treaty to the Senate floor for a vote. It is a fair and vital treaty, in the full interests of Russia, the United States and all the world, for that matter. But in their present mood, Russians are

though it masked great privilege. Now the privilege of wealth is flaunted and crime want them to do is bad for them. Some quiet bilateral talks, perhaps semi-official, should be held quickly to promote

the climate for early ratification.
In any case, the West now faces another dilemma with Russia's leadership. Washington has told Moscow firmly that it would take a very dim view of any attempt to call off the presidential election. That is right. In this precarious period, it is particularly essential to stick to democratic principles. It is quite unlikely that Boris Yeltsin can get himself re-elected. But the people around birn not only cling to power, they have reason to fear what one politician called "truly nasty investigations" if they have to step down.

The probable alternatives to Mr. Yelisin are wortisome, all the more given Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin's weak showing last Sunday. Russian opinion exaggerates Western and U.S. support for Mr. Yeltsin, which adds to the boomerang effect. It will take exquisitely fine diplomatic tuning to encourage cooperation with Russia, advancement of democracy, and yet avoid appearing to try to impose a Western choice of leader.

Russia's unhappiness does not threaten the West at this stage, but it will bring serious discomfort. We have to be wise

O Flora Lewis

### Reform Is Far From Dead, but the Communist Past Is an Obstacle

NEW YORK - Many Rus-sians, to rephrase Winston Churchill, apparently believe that communism is the worst form of government except for

all the other forms. That seems astonishing. After enduring all those endless lines in the Arctic winter to buy a stunted head of cabbage, after quietly suffering all the grandil-oquent nonsense about Lenin's ideals and studying Marxism-Leninism until the mind went oumb, after watching your country sink into an economic and political stupor, how could you vote for the Communist Party? Millions of Russians did oo

Sunday, raising the Communist Party from the dead and making it the most powerful political organization in Russia. The resurrection is disturbing, yet at the same time intriguing.

By Philip Taubman In one sense, the vote seems to be the political version of the Stockholm syndrome, the phenomenon common in bostage cases when terrorized victims be-

gin to identify with their captors. Russia is still recovering from more than seven decades of Soviet tyranny, and many Russians apparently still identify more closely with the dictators who controlled their lives than with the democrats who freed them. At the same time, many Rus-sians, particularly the elderly and

those still living in rural areas, appear genuinely nostalgic for the security blanker that came with communism.

For all the terrible pain it inflicted, and the millions of lives

gave citizens the illusion that the Communist Party was looking after their interests. The develcoment of a free market has ripoed away the net.

The Communist system was suffocating, patronizing and cal-culated to keep the country obedient. Some Russians recognized it as a narcooc, and fought to overcome it. The internal security forces were always there to silence them. Most Russians chose not to

take that risk, or ceased to care what the purpose of the system was as long as bread was cheap, jobs were plentiful, education was universal, health care was free and vacations were subsidized. The bread was excellent, it destroyed. Soviet communism but many people now seem to provided a crude safety net that have forgotten that lots of the

jobs were pointless, education was politically contaminated, bealth care was atrocious and Soviet vacations were Spartan. The whole enterprise was ide-

ologically dressed up as a workers' paradise. Although some Russians were true believers, most were smart enough to see through the pseudo-science. But the system still enveloped them. Now that people have had a

taste of imemployment, inflation, crime and other problems that have come with democracy, it is shrewd politics for the new Communists to suggest that the old days were actually pretty good. The party, at least for now, has, distanced itself from the most brazen practices of the past, including one-party politics, censorship and repression of dissent.

The reporting and the polling data from Russia show that the

Communists gained from discontent about an uneven economy and upheaval in Russian life. Voters in Moscow, St. Petersburg and some other urban centers, where the benefits of reform have materialized most quickly, voted for reform candidates. Nearly everywhere else. Communists and nationalists did well, singing from essentially the same page of promises about restoring order and economic stability, shorthand for the Communist safety net.

Reform in Russia is far from dead, but it has run into a formidable obstacle - the past. To prevail in the months and years ahead, the reformers will have to convince millions of their countrymen that the uncertainty of freedom is preferable to the security of communism, as deadening as it was.

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### The Central Dilemma of the Welfare States: How to Scale Back

By Robert J. Samuelson

By Warren B. Rudman money, but you have the golf pro to worry about.

WASHINGTON — There is so much scripted melodrama in the Washington budget struggle that the larger issues get lost. But anyone who doubts that there are larger issues should reflect upon what has been happening in France, where angry unions shut down basic public services in re-

to cut its budget deficit.
Paris and Washington are grappling with the central dilemma of the modern welfare state: how to scale back popular benefits that no longer can be afforded.

sponse to the government's efforts

The difference with Paris is that in Washington the resistance to change is led by the president. Bill Clinton plays the role that the unions play in France. He bas sought to make changes barder. perhaps impossible, by denouncing those who propose them as cruel. He provoked both government "shutdowns" to dramatize his case. The shutdowns have been political props to cast the Republicans as irresponsible.

WASHINGTON — The voluntary retirement of 12

senators at the end of this term.

including the exceptionally able

Sam Nurm of Georgia, Bill

Bradley of New Jersey, Nancy

Kassebaum of Kansas, Alan Simpson of Wyoming and

David Pryor of Arkansas, has

caused speculation and distress.

their game, and who were likely

to be re-elected. How could they

walk away from the power and

Consider a typical day for a typical senator, based on my ex-

perience and that of colleagues.
6 A.M. You head to Capitol

Hill for breakfast with con-

stituents. You find that they

have been shocked by an ed-

itorial that morning in the largest

paper in your state. It accuses

you of driving the children of

America into the arms of athe-

ism. Why? Because your view

of the constitution obliged you

to vote against a bill to require

8 A.M. You discuss the day's

agenda with the staff. An aide

brings in hundreds of letters that

arrived yesterday. You read as

many as time permits, then dic-

tate the message you want con-

veyed to constituents' various

9 A.M. You have three com-

mittee hearings going on simul-

taneously, and you attend parts

of all three, knowing that you

are spread too thin. Your press

secretary slips you a note: 20

reporters have called about your

criticism of the president last

concerns.

prayer in the public schools.

prestige of a Senate seat?

These are people at the top of

that if changes are delayed for too to tax havens. The less wealthy long, they ultimately trigger so-cial turnoil. And change is in-nomy" (informal transactions cvitable, because the welfare state that are not taxed). - a term that Americans dislike but that describes U.S. social limit. At some point, big govspending almost as much as Euernment — through punitive taxisting social security and health net, but it is inaccurate to say that a

It aimed to make capitalism compassionate. Governments everywhere created beoefits for the old, the unemployed and the poor. Rules were devised to raise wages and improve job security and working conditions. To say that all these benefits

rope's — is overextended.

can no longer be afforded means that they have hit two limits. The first is political. Although benefits are popular, voters will oot support them with higher taxes. Almost all industrial countries run budget deficits. In many coun-

tries, tax burdens have reached the

point of diminishing returns. That

is, higher taxes cause more tax

Senators Self-Impose Term Limits

night. You return some of the

Noon. Your state party chair-

man calls to say that a handsome

golf pro who recently married a

very rich woman has decided

that he wants to be a senator.

You think you can defeat him,

but you will have to raise \$10

millioo in the next two years,

instead of \$5 million as for a

nent businessmen from your

state to lunch in the Senate din-

ing room. They agree on the ur-

gency of a balanced budget - of

course, only if it does not mean

higher taxes or reduced benefits

calling you to votes on the Senate

floor. They ring all afternoon.

Many are on amendments re-

lating to abortion, flag burning.

pornography and school prayer,

None will pass, but their spon-

sors are eager to make statements

sessed with protecting the flag.

don't seem equally concerned

about protecting the economy.

The number of votes, io com-

mittee and on the floor, has near-

ly doubled since 1980, when I

entered the Senate.

New senators, the ones ob-

for the papers back home.

1 P.M. to 6 P.M. Bells start

for them. You pick up the tab.

12:15 P.M. You take promi-

calls between hearings.

normal race.

But the message from Paris is evasion. The wealthy shift funds

cs, wasteful spending and rigid regulation — undermines economic growth and job creation. America may not have reached this point, but most European

countries have. In 1995, U.S. government spending totals 34 per-cent of gross domestic product. By contrast, it is 50 percent in ermany, 54 percent in France. Pressures on the welfare state will intensify everywhere for the

same reason; aging populations. In most countries, the lion's share of social spending goes to the elderly. Longer life spans, postwar baby booms and modern medicine combine to create a growing economic burden.

6 P.M. You attend fund-rais-

ers for two colleagues. Several

people call you Gramm because

you co-sponsored the Gramm-

Rudman Balanced Budget Act.

One fellow says, "Gramm, are

you really in favor of atheism?"

You choke down peanuts and

two small sausages for dinner.
g P.M. You are back on the

Senate floor for debate on major

budget amendments. The mood

is angry, people are bitter, ide-

ologues on both sides reject com-

promise. Some people won't

I A.M. The majority leader

gives up and adjourns. Late

nights have become the rule.

You wonder if you'll be able to

leave the next afternoon to

spend the weekend in your

bome state. It will be filled with

meetings with constituents,

fund-raising, town meetings and

family is sleeping. You ask

yourself, "Who needs this?"

1:30 A.M. You're home. The

I have long opposed term lim-

The rush for the exits isn't

surprising. I left in 1992. I am 65 years old. I felt 75 in the Senate.

its. For one thing, life in the

Senate will increasingly result

in self-imposed term limits.

speak to each other.

press conferences.

I feel 35 now.

number of potential workers per retiree in the United States is 4.7 in 1995 and will be 3.3 in 2005. For France the corresponding numthat are not taxed).

Economics imposes the second

bers are 2.8 and 1.7. For Japan, 2.8 and 2.1. For Germany, 3.1 and 2.3.

For Italy, 2.4 and 1.8.

> insurance programs will push up spending, taxes or deficits dramatically. All countries will consider lowering benefits, raising retirement ages or both.
>
> The welfare state's ultimate horror is a suicidal spiral. The economy sputters, making it harder for governments to pay ben-cfits, but efforts to revive the eco-

on popular resistance. Europe is already caught in this spiral. In 1973, France's unemployment rate was less than 3 percent; now it is 11.5 percent. For the entire European Union, unemployment averages almost 11 percent. The welfare state did not

nomy by curbing benefits founder

cause all this extra joblessness, but it caused a lot. Still, it is hard to change, as France's strikes attest. In fact, the proposed changes are not that harsh. Family al-

lowances (payments for children) would be frozen for a year and then be subject to taxes. Openended reimbursement for health costs, which leads to the overuse of drugs and of doctors, would be checked by spending limits. A modest income tax surcharge (0.5 percent of income) would be imposed to retire the social security system's debt. But the system's main features would remain. It is equally true that Congress's

budget changes would not destroy

As projected by the OECD, the America's welfare state. Some tumber of potential workers per programs for the poor (Aid to Fanctiree in the United States is 4.7 in lies with Dependent Children, a 995 and will be 3.3 in 2005. For Medicaid would be largely shifted to states through block grants. The growth of Medicare for the elderly would be slowed slightly. There is 3; room to argue about these changes.

> they discard it.
> To vilify Republicans, Mr. Clinton has said precisely that Nor has he yer bargained in good s faith, as he repeatedly said be would to reach a balanced budget. In mid-November, he and congressional leaders agreed to reach d a balance in seven years using conomic assumptions of the Congressional Budget Office. Despite his pledge, Mr. Clinton has

not said how he would do that. His latest plan fell \$70 billion to \$90 billion short of balance in 2002. As in France, the politics pit present against future voters. Mr. Clinton has positioned himself as

the protector of the present. The real question is not whether the welfare state survives. It will. Hardly anyone wants to revert to unfertered capitalism. The real question is whether it can gradually rein in its 5 overcommitments — or whether -, it will do so convulsively as the result of crisis.

The case for anticipating crisis 6 is never easy. Everyone can see n who loses by planned change, no d one can see precisely who wins by avoided crisis. But doing nothing won't work. The sooner Americans start, the easier it will be The United States is not yet in Europe's fix, but if it waits long enough it could be.

The Washington Post.

#### 1895: Herald Praised

News pays the Paris Herald this pretty editorial compliment. "The Paris edition of the New York Herald is complimented on all sides by Americans returning from Continental tours. You can look to it in any part of Europe for information concerning America. During the past year its circu-

ransacking a building within a half a block of police headquarters; they forced two safes and robbed desks, obtaining loot worth several thousands of dollars.

#### 1945: Patton's Passing HEIDELBERG - General,

George S. Patton, Jr., sixty, died this afternoon [Dec. 21] in the 130th Station Hospital of complications resulting from injuries in the suffered Dec. 9 when his sedan collided with an army truck in Mannheim. The General, who was in the fatal auto accident on the eve of his return to the United States. was believed on the road to recations developed yesterday. A congestion of the lung proved too led him to many victories on the battlefield. The old cavalryment who was unscratched in battles from North Africa to Germany, died in an old cavalry barracks ters, cracksmen spent ten hours converted to a hospital in 1943.

### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO T

#### NEW YORK — The Buffalo

lation has largely extended and we see it quoted everywhere."

### 1920: Police Outwitted

NEW YORK - The latest development in steps taken by the police to arrest the crime wave is the search of all persons on the street after midnight here. Uniformed policemen are used in this work so that the pedestrians will not think they are being held up by bandits. While the police authorities were thus active on the streets bringing criminals to headquar-

You hate asking strangers for ment to The New York Times.

You go to your party's campaign office on the Hill and get a Republican, is author of the farthcoming "Combat: 12

list of people to ask for money. forthcoming "Combat: 12
You have to call from there. It is Years in the United States Sen-

illegal to call from your office. ate." He contributed this com-

### Green Kid Takes the Rap in Whitewater Cover-Up

WASHINGTON — When you're a lawyer who needs a cover story to conceal close connections to a crooked client, you find some kid in your office willing to say he brought in the business and handled the client all by himself.

That's the significance of three little words in the notes there were law firm bills, time taken down by Susan sheets and other documents that Thomases, Hillary Clinton's showed otherwise. Between closest confidante and protec-tor, of a telephone call to Webster Hubbell, Mrs. Clinton's law partner, early in the 1992 presidential campaign. They were working out a story that would distance Mrs. Clinton from questions about her client. the failing Madison S&L, which was lightly regulated by appointees of her husband, the

governor of Arkansas. 'Rick will say he ... had a lot to do with getting the client in," read the notes subpoenaed from Ms. Thomases's law firm, quoting Mr. Hubbell, who later ran the Clinton Justice Department and is now in jail. To anyone sensitive to nuances of coverup, that sly "will say" is a tip-off to the concoction of a lie.

Secure in what Rick Massey would say, Mrs. Clinton, as first lady, confidently told the White House press corps in 1994: "There was a very bright By William Safire

young associate in our law firm who had a relationship with one of the officers of Madison. ... The young attorney, the young bank officer did all the work."

Mrs. Clinton repeated that story under oath. But evidently 'Rick will say'' and now, those files — zealously guarded by Vince Foster and Weh Hubbell — have vanished.

The interest of the Justice Department in the files in Mr. Foster's office triggered a series of panicked phone calls and orders immediately after his apparent suicide.

Obstruction from on high stares us in the face. Late in the day on July 21, 1993, the White House counsel, Bernard Nussbaum — unaware of what would profoundly worry Mrs. Clinton — agreed to review the dead man's files with senior Justice officials the next morning. But at 11 P.M., Susan Thomases called Mrs. Clinton at her mother's home; logs show a dozen early-morning calls among the first lady; her chief of staff, Margaret Williams; Ms. Thomases, and Mr. Nussbaum.

After that telephonic heat, Mr. Nussbaum told an associate that Mrs. Clinton objected to law enforcement having "unfettered access" to those files. oow suspected to document the Clintons' corruptly subsidized investment in Whitewater as well as her legal representation of Madison. On Hillary's order, Mr. Nussbaum broke his agreement, causing the deputy attor-ney general to demand: "What

Two years ago, they were hiding Hillary's dealings with a criminal bank whose collapse cost taxpayers \$60 million. Today they may be trying to hide the illegal transmission of federal investigative data to the Clintons' personal lawyer.

As the Senate peels back the

are you trying to hide?"

cover-up, a growing audience sees Margaret Williams --- spotted by a White House policeman carning files from Mr. Foster's or higher (like John Dean). office — in belief-defying de-nial. And Democratic senators fall silent as Susan Thomases. displaying an amazing forgettery under oath, professes to draw a total blank about her first meeting with Mrs. Clinton after

But the Clintons repay their loyalists. They just appointed Jim Hamilton, a Watergate lawyer who wrote a splendid Whitewater stonewall strategy. to the prestigious Foreign intelligence Advisory Board. Diane Blair, present at Hillary's circling of the wagons the week Justice was denied, graces the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. And hang-tough Jack Quinn, eager to claim privilege where Abner Mikva might have had misgivings, was elevated to White House counsel.

The Clinton game is to stall for 11 more months, past Election Day, hoping no copies exist of items in sanitized files.

Despite congressional sub-poena power, I doubt this case will be broken by a gunsmoking document. As in Watergate, revelation of the cover-up needs an embittered or terrified informer, low-level (like James McCord)

The independent counsel must be working over a few insiders. Let's see if Web Hubbell, again before a grand jury, will risk a perjury charge. And let's hear what a fellow like Rick will say.

### From One Paranoid Spirit to Another

WASHINGTON — I thought Oliver Stone might go all the way, and have Anthony Hopkins play Nixon as Hannibal Lecter.

Imagine Nixon in the Oval Office, listening to the "Goldberg Variations" and savoring the prospect of eating John Dean's liver with some fava beans and a

Or perhaps a scene where he smiles frostily and sends his valet Manolo Sanchez to fetch an impudent Bordeaux

#### MEANWHILE

from the White House wine cellar. He is having Boh Woodward for lunch.

But Oliver Stone wanted to make a sympathetic movie about a kindred paranoid spirit. "It's a film that heals." be said from his car phone. So he does not present President Richard Nixon as a cannibalistic psychopath. He merely portrays him as a pill-popping, Scotch-swilling, impotent madman haumted by his role in CIA plots to assassinate Fidel Castro that got out of

control and killed John F. Kennedy.
Evan Thomas, author of "The Very
Best Men," a history of the early CIA,
says that his interviews and research into classified documents showed Mr. Nixon had no role in CIA assassination plots, and he added that it would be laughable to had no role in CIA assassination plots, and he added that it would be laughable to accuse the CIA of killing President Mr. Hopkins debating Mr. Kennedy and

By Maureen Dowd

Kennedy — if so many people didn t believe it; thanks to Oliver Stone. After a screening of "Nixon" at the Kennedy Center, Bob Woodward observed, "I guess everybody gets the psy-choanalyst they deserve, and Nixon got

Oliver Stone.' Perhaps every society gets the mythmaker it deserves as well. A culture that confuses celebrity with value, historical knowledge with repressed memory, gets Oliver Stone.

After the storm over "JFK," in which the director implied that Lyndon Johnson and the CIA were part of a conspiracy about President Kennedy's death, Mr. Stone is trying to have it both ways. Wanting to be seen as historically scrupulous, he hired Nixon aides as consultants and published a script with footnotes.

But when asked about some blatant twisting of fact, he falls back on the argument that it's just a movie. "It's a Nixon," he told USA Today. "It's not the Nixon." (That's like saying, "I am not a crook," as opposed to "I am not the crook.")

After you've seen enough "documen-

pointing his finger at Nikita Khrushchev
— it just looks like any Nixon.

Hollywood has always mixed entertainment and history. In "Night and Day," Cary Grant played Cole Porter as a devout heterosexual. But Mr. Stone does oot sugarcoat. He poison-coats, mixing fact and propaganda with such skill that millions of impressionable moviegoers are left believing that there has been nothing but darkness at the top. His talent as a filmmaker does not make the situation better. Artful falsehood is more dangerous than artless falsebood, because fewer people will see through it. "

He gloms on to whole sections of recent history and filters everything through one unproven prism: that J.F.K. wanted to withdraw from Vietnam, and that he was murdered for it by The System.

In 1992, some New York Times re-porters had coffee with Mr. Nixon. He analyzed the political landscape, predicting that the Iraqgate scandal wouldn't harm George Bush, unless there were incriminating tapes.

"And I know something about tapes." he murmured drily. Poor Nixon — all those tapes, with all those juicy quotes and all that drama and wickedness, and still Hollywood gets it wrong.

Oh, for the day when we won't have Oliver Stone to kick around anymore. The New York Times.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rape Is a War Crime

Crimes against women have been "disappeared" from view in the recent media coverage of Bosnia - and, before that, from troops from Lebanon. Israel the political and military decision-making. Every day, "ethnic cleansing" is decried, but we
anti-Israel coals oo Lebanon's rapes. Rape is "gender cleans-ing." The intended effect is always the same: to utterly break the spirit of the rape victim, to drive her out of her body and out of her mind so as to render her incapable of resistance.

Physicians and relief workers have described the raped women of Bosnia as "broken." "with-drawn," "afflicted with nightmares," "suicidal." According to Dr. Michael Curtis, a U.S. volunteer for Doctors Without Borders, the leading cause of death in Bosnia's Tuzla camp is suicide, making it "probably the only refugee camp in the world where that is the case."

The rapists in Bosnia were not out of control; they were implementing Serbian military "ethnic cleansing" policy. They were only following orders. Yes, fascist/nationalist Croatian and Muslim soldiers raped women, 100, with as much ferocity, although perhaps on a smaller scale

For the first time in history, the UN-convened Hague Tribunal will prosecute rape as a war crime. This is a valuable, promising approach. Perhaps our global perception of rape will shift, radically, once it becomes known that rape is a Grime against humanity and a

PHYLLIS CHESLER. New York.

#### Two Views of Assad

Thomas Friedman ("Does the Cold Syrian Understand? Opinion, Nov. 27) has it right when he refers to Hafez Assad as a killer, a man without compassion. His regime is a reflection of a militaristic ruling elite issued from the Alawite minority that oppresses the majority of Syrians under the torn banner of pan-Arabist Greater Syria.

What Mr. Friedman does not leave us with is a good reason for diplomatic fawning over Syria even if Mr. Assad were to smile at the Israelis and try to court

Yitzhak Rabin's widow. Overtures to the Syrian dictatorship are vain and futile if true peace is to be further advanced in the Middle East. Mr. Assad's tyranny should not be further institutionalized and spread in the name of "peace."

An appropriate stance toward the Assad regime should not be an offer of compensation for its

past aggressions against Israel, which led to Syria's loss of the Golan Heights in the first place. Instead, Syria should be required to remove its occupation

Once a peace treaty between Lebanon and Israel exists to Syria's west to complement the one with Jordan to Syria's south, Israel can offer Mr. Assad something more important than territory: protection against the Sunni dictatorship in Iraq in exchange for peace and useful diplomatic relations.

Such a redirected peace process would forestall any Israeli sellout of Lebanon to a brutal "Pax Syriana" over the Levant. The West should not betray Lebanon for "peace."

The peacemakers of the 1990s have it backwards -Lebanon should be next and Syria should be last. ART STONE.

Herndon, Virginia

The stand taken by President Assad in not mourning the death of Yitzhak Rabin expresses the feelings of the great majority of Arab and Syrian people. We consider Mr. Rabin a war criminal who met his due fate.

l would also request that Thomas Friedman consult the world leaders, dignitaries and journalists who have had the privilege of meeting Mr. Assad and learn from them some of his qualities and merits: His heart is bolder than that of a lion and more passionate than that of a mother. He instinctively senses the feeling of the masses and always bases his stand on that. No wonder he is the personification of hope for the Arabs. MALEK SOLEIMAN.

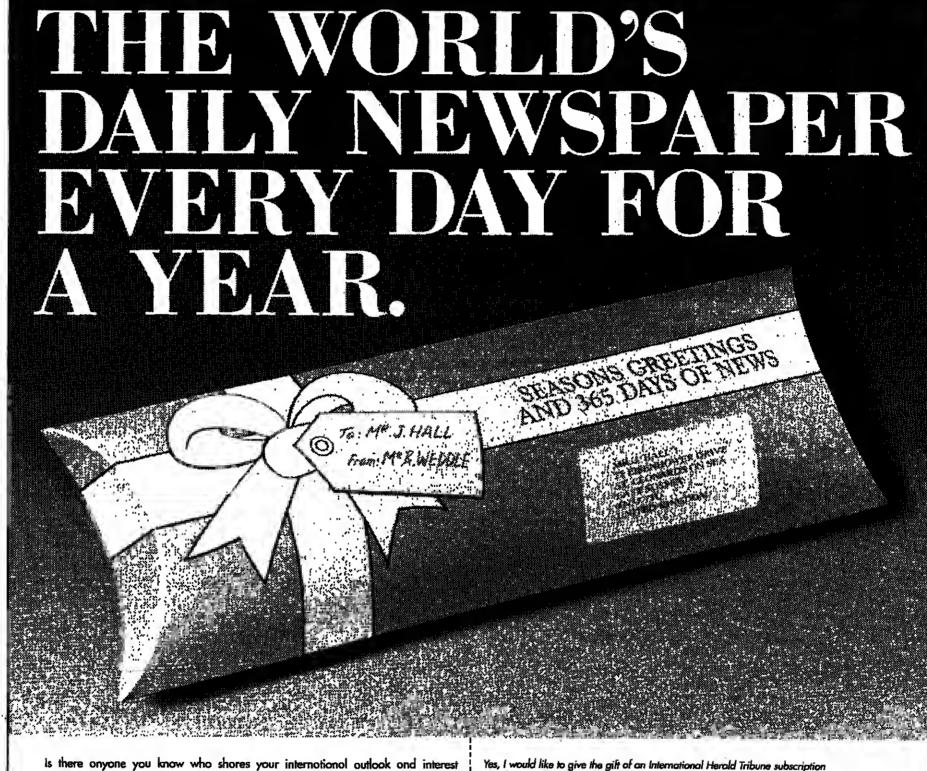
#### Clinton's Successes

The momentum building up for a more widespread peace in the Middle East, the peace treaty on Bosnia just brokered in Dayton and signed in Paris and the U.S. economy's continuing growth are all outstanding achievements for which President Bill Clinton and his administration deserve a lot more

credit than current polls show. With any luck, the current budget negotiations will result

in a similar success. An easy and significant way to help balance the U.S. budget, one surprisingly not mentioned by either of the parties, is an additional tax on gasoline, for Tre next important peace prize which Americans pay about one-quarter of what consumers in Western Europe must spend.

ANTHONY J. YUJA.



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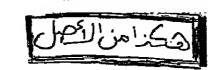
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THE WORLD'S DAILY NEWSPAPER



By Eric Weinberger

T. MORITZ, Switzerland — Like many ski resorts in the Alps, St. Moritz was a spa and summer vacation spot long before it became a winter retreat favored by the rich and chic. Its glittering site in the remote upper Engadine Valley, among clear lakes and wooded slopes surrounded by 12,000-foot (3,700meter) peaks, facing southwest and attracting intense sunshine and the dry alpine air,

made it an ideal place for taking a cure. In a sly move in the fall of 1864, a local innkeeper, Johannes Badrutt, bet a group of his regular customers from England that he would pay their travel costs if they returned in winter and found less sunshine than in summer. Badrutt won his bet, and now St. Moritz is known throughout the world to skiers who would never think of coming in any season but winter. St. Moritz's skiing is outstanding for all skiers except beginners, come cheap. But if you are willing to sa with some notably beautiful long valley rifice style for economy, it can be done.

runs and plenty of challenging off-piste. A All day pass, covering 220 miles (350 kilo-noted. meters) of trails served by 60 lifts, on terrain reaching from 5,642 to 10,834 feet, is still good value at \$48, or \$228 for six days.

The town (which divides into two farflung posts: St. Moritz-Dorf, or village, where most of the luxury hotels and shops are concentrated, and St. Moritz-Bad, the original spa, a grim settlement of high-rise apartments on the valley floor) is a complete winter sports center. The resort has impressive facilities for any winter pastime you care to name, including bobsledding, curling, tobogganing, ski jumping and skat-ing, many of them clustered around the frozen St. Moritz lake.

A holiday in St. Moritz, where furs predominate, caviar is sold in the grocery stores and paparazzi congregate in the evenings around the plush discos and oightclubs - and where most of the beds are in four- or five-star hotels - does oot usually come cheap. But if you are willing to sacAll places are in Dorf unless otherwise the lake throughout the winter include subsequent rides, 41-82-33117); a bobsled

The glitzy annual charity gala at Badrutt's Palace Hotel, with proceeds going to combat leukemia, is on Dec. 28 this year, and will feature the Spanish tenor José Carreras. Admission ranges from able in English. The walks are described as \$440 to \$885; a further \$110 buys dinner mostly easy; the brochure is free. afterward at any of the Palace's three restaurants. To reserve, call the Palace at (41-81) 837-1000, fax (41-81) 837-2999.

The biggest party in St. Moritz is the New Year's Eve ball at Badrutt's Palace. Admission, including dinner but oot drinks, is \$434. Reservations can be made by calling the Palace. At I A.M. the doors are opened to all comers, who for \$265 can join the party until it ends, at about 6 A.M.

The week of Jan. 14 to 20 is the seventh annual Snow Sculpture Competition, at locations throughout Dorf and Bad. The weekend of Jan. 25 to 28 sees the 12th annual Polo World Cup on Soow, the

about two hours there and back. At St. Moritz you can buy a ride on pretty world's only such competition, on the much anything a toboggan on the renowned frozen lake of St. Moritz. Other events on Cresta run (\$398 for five rides, \$39 for

easily reached from St. Moritz by train or

bus. A round-trip ticket combining the rail

to Punt Muragi and the funicular to the

a hotel, restaurant, self-service terrace and a small ski area comprising three drag lifts.

view of the Engadine lakes and

surrounding mountains, and is

horse and dog races, cricket and golf.

on the Olympic track (\$177, including driver, congramlatory drink and certificate, 41-The St. Moritz Tourist Board, CH-7500. 82-34110); or, more gently, a horse-drawn St. Moritz; (41-82) 33147, fax (41-82) sleigh (\$70 to \$88 an hour; each carriage 32952, publishes a brochure and map of accommodates four people). There are sevwinter walks in the upper Engadine, availeral sleigh-ride operators; a tourist board brochure, in English, contains telephone numbers and reservation details for these and such outdoor activities as curling, UOTTAS Muragl, at 2,000 feet, offers a breathtaking

horseback riding, paragliding and skating. The St. Moritz Experience, (41-82) 37714, fax (41-82) 39377, a consortium of local guides, chefs, pilots and ski instructors, can put together a tailor-made package that could include heli-skiing, candlelight dinpeak costs \$27. At Muottas Muragl, there is ners in the mountains or alpine camping expeditions. The price of a moonlight descent on skis from 9,500 feet with dinner, A hiking path, cleared daily, from the drinks, and the services of a guide is \$160 a restaurant to the small Muragl lake takes person.

Eric Weinberger, currently in Switzer-



Walking on water: Skier taking shortcut on frozen Lake St. Moritz MISH ALE A A 'S

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# 'Energy Lines': Seeking the Perfect Traditional Massage in Thailand

By Carol Lutfy

ANGKOK -- My quest for the perfect Thai massage began at Wat Po, Bangkok's oldest and largest temple. Though generally noted for its massive reclining Buddha, Wat Po is also famous as Thailand's pre-eminent training ground for traditional massage. Its ramshackle massage clinic lures hundreds of visitors from all over Thailand every day.

There I was with about 40 of them, lying on a hospital cot in an open room having my "energy lines" explored. People were yelping, their joints popping all around me. The ceiling fans spun languorously as my masseur twisted and tugged me. I would have preferred a little privacy but I was still

After eight years of living in Asia, I have become hooked on massage. I have tried hotel receptionist assured me that it was only Balinese. Sumatran and Korean massage, partly a sex joint. By now in need of a

and restorative therapy. Thai massage is my hands-down favorite. It is also a bargain at \$12 for a first-rate, two-hour massage.

Most foreigners assume that massage is a code word for sex in Thailand; of course, that's sometimes the case. Above-board massage clinics — from no-frills neighborhood places to the stylish spa at the Oriental Hotel — abound all over Bangkok. But as I found on my visits to more than half a dozen massage establishments, the distinction between the two is not always clear.

My hotel suggested Makkasan Thai Tra-ditional Massage. I walked in to find groups of men drinking beer while the partly un-dressed receptionist flirted with a guest. Exasperated, I called the Hyatt Hotel to complain that they had sent me to a sex joint. The

bucket of warm water. They were perfunc-torily scrubbed and I was sent to a curtainedoff cubicle with a mattress on the floor. There I was left to the hands, feet, elbows and knees of Ms. Prakond, a no-nonsense 40ish woman who immediately eased me into that coveted state between sleep and consciousness. She was an expert. I had no regrets.

I found Winwan, the next massage place I tried, in a local tourist magazine. I liked its motto: "You always win at Winwan." I was relieved to find that it was foreigner-friendly. The clinic has 12 masseurs three men, all of whom are legally blind, and nine women, most of whom are young

and pretty.

Ms. Tip appeared, and I was escorted into a curtained-off area where I changed into the ubiquitous pajamas. The temperature was just right, and although I could hear the conversations of the Japanese and

the atmosphere was gentle and relaxing.

Ms. Tip gave me a serious, thoughtful massage, starting as always with the toes on the left foot and moving gradually up the leg.
With graceful form she yanked and kneaded,

stretched and pushed. I left deliniously con-

FEW blocks from Winwan in a boisterous Middle Eastern neighborhood, my Morakot introduced me to Buathip Thai Massage. The sign in the waiting area is pretty straightforward: "Dear Customer, We provide real Thai massage by qualified blind male under royal patronage and certified female. (Absolutely No Sex)."

At Buathip, I requested a blind masseur. I was making myself comfortable when Mr. Sak appeared in dark glasses, carrying a wet washcloth. He carefully cleaned my

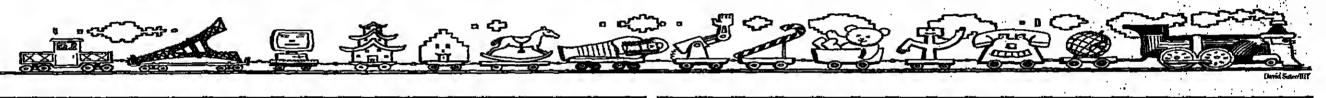
acupuncture, acupressure and shiatsu. But combining the right hlend of decadeoce shoes for slippers and submerged my feet in a shoes for slippers and That massage begins slowly, like a roller coaster ride, building up anticipation, then pulling you into its rhythm before there's any time to notice; Mr. Sak clearly understood that. Using the heel of his hand, he devoted more time to my back and neck than anyone else. Toward the end of the massage, he wet my forehead with a warm washcloth and pressed my nasal passages and temples. By the time he was through with me, my body was as loose as Jell-O.

I saved my massage at the alluringly fashionable Oriental Spa for last, I was ushered into my own spacious room with a four-nozzle shower, sink, towels, cosmetics and change of clothes. (The little cotton outfit provided is so stylish it is sold at the reception desk.) A mattress was set on an elevated platform from which I could contemplate the bamboo garden outside. With

Mr. Koh, trained at a school in Chiangmai, had a technique that was noticeably sterner. On the up side, he gave me the finest hand and foot massage I have ever received anywhere, relaxing my entire body by working the pressure points just right. As for the rest of me, Mr. Kob took a "no pain, no gain' tack, opting to stretch and tug rather too hard. I felt cleansed at the end, as if I had put myself through a demanding workout. But I groaned too much through the process to really recommend it.

In the end. I had a couple of great massages; all had memorable moments. None of them was altogether perfect - for-tunately. I'd have hated to lose part of my excuse to keep looking.

Carol Lutfy, an American journalist who spends part of every year in Asia, wrote this



#### THE MOVIE GUIDE

Le Bonheur est dans le Pré

Directed by Etienne Chatiliez. When the commercials on

French screens start to look wit-

tier than the movies that follow them, you have to wonder. Etisome of those commercials and comedies, pumps up this spoofy spot about a benpecked husband (Michel Serrault). On a TV show that seeks to restore lost children and straying husbands to their families, he sees a photo of himself as a young man - yes, he has a double and a better wife (Carmeo Maura) on a duck farm. Serrault's job in the movie is manufacturing toilet seats, and the village where the duck festivities are drummed out is called Coodom. For lovers of foie gras and broad grivoiserie, the movie may have its moments — such as when Sahine Azema as Serrank's wife, a précieuse vul-e goire, sees her first slithery duck liver and vomits, or when the couple's best friend, played by Eddy Mitchell, seduces. stuffs and serves Azema up as

another kind of bird. Treatment

Iérôme Deschamp's company. Not everyone can be Fellini, who made a chef d'oeuvre out enne Chatiliez, who has made of a pasta commercial and mincemeat out of TV, but the worst of this media mix is not the trite jokes, bad script or lame editing, but that, just like the voyeuristic TV show it pretends to satirize, it's puffed up

with self-satisfaction. (Joan Dupont, 1HT)

Directed by Joe Johnston, U.S.

In "Jumanji," a movie based oo a book about a board game, the players are endangered by evil monkeys, giant insects, rampaging jungle beasts and vines that shoot poison darts. Children excited by the prospect of such perils would be well advised to get out the Candyland and forget about this. But "Jumanji" isn't easily overlooked, as it has Robin Williams and runaway special

appears from other Chatiliez the Jumanji game for 26 years. films (Catherine Jacob, Isabelle | This lost boy returns to his looks too young and vigorous Nanty), and there is input from bome town as a middle-aged for the role, discreetly hams it the ubiquitous members of man covered with scraggly up, squinting, rolling his eyes there's plenty of competition for that honor, thanks to visual tricks that are allowed to overwhelm the movie. What's most alarming about "Jumanji" is its certainty that audiences will settle for a mixture of random gimmicks and easy sentimentality. With those assets in place and perhaps a tie-in board game to market, the film abandons all

> Two Bits Directed by James Foley. U.S.

of women is particularly Williams, giving one of his old man gently imparting the muted for its own good. exquisite, although Maura kindly performances rather lessons of a lifetime to his 12-

The Academy Award he won for "Scent of a Woman" has apparently whented Al Pacino's appetite for more character roles in which he plays an ecroles in which he plays an eccentric sage with a soulful gleam in his eye and a "Zorba the Greek"-size life force.
"Two Bits," finds the 55-year-old actor chewing up the support in the mod of a film that is thorses the mod of a film that is thorses.

other prospects of coherence.

(Janet Maslin, NYT)

makeup, the actor, who still hair, which may be the film's and emitting alarming noises scariest effect of all. Actually, that foreshadow his imminent collapse. Pacino's character, who is known simply as Grandpa, is remembered affectionately through the eyes of the grandson, Gennaro Spirito (Jerry Barone). The movie, which is narrated by the grown-up Gennaro (the voice of Alec Baldwin), is a memory play and coming-of-age story recount-

ing events that took place on a sweltering summer day in South Philadelphia in 1933. If Pacino mjects a necessary spark of antic humor into the solemnity, it is Barone, a newcomer selected from an open casting call of 730 contenders, who keeps the tone of the film evenly balanced. A young actor of exceptional poise and naturalness, he gives a smooth per-

effects to recommend it. scenery in the role of a dying oughly likable but too sweetly

manages to shine though the than a funny one, plays a lad year-old grandson. His face Some museums may be mire. A bost of character actors who has been held prisoner by caked with blotcby, crinkling closed on holidays. We recom-Some museums may be mend you call before going.

Bruges
Kunstcentrum Oud Sint-Jean, tel:
(50) 33-56-66, open daily. To Jan 1:
"Recent British Sculpture." Works by
Tony Cragg, Richard Deacon and
Veronica Ryan.

BRITAIN

Victoria & Albert Museum, tel: (171) 938-8349, closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26. To Feb. 18: "The Peaceful Liberators: Jain Art From India." 120 paintings, ritual objects and sculp-tures presenting the Jamistic tradi-tion and its concerns of nonviolence, vegetarianism and ecology.

Grand Palais, tel: (1) 44-13-17-17, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Jan. 7: "Cézanne." Musée d'Art Moderne, tel: (1) 47-23-61-27. closed Mondays. To March 24: "Passions Privées: Art Moderne et Contemporain dans les Collections Particulières en France." More than 1,000 modern and con-

GERMANY Kunstverein, tei: (211) 32-70-23,

(Stephen Holden, NYT)

closed Mondays, Dec. 24, 25 and 31. To Jan. 21: "Leon Kossoff." 25 works created between 1986 and 1994 by the British figurative painter, including portraits, nucles and the "Spitalifieds" series of pictures. The exhibition will travel to Amsterdam.

Stuttgart
Neue Startegalerie, tel: (711) 2124050, closed Mondays, Dec. 24 and
25. To March 3: "Picassos Welt der
Kinder." An attempt at tracing the
child motif in the Spanish painter's
works. The exhibition includes individual portraits, mythological depic-tions and genre-like scenes.

ITALY Bologna
Galleria d'Arte Moderna, tel: (51)
50-28-59, closed Mondays. To Jan.
14: "Henry Moore: Gli Ultim! Dieci
Anni." 90 works, including 35 sculptures, created by the contemporary
British sculptor in his last 10 years.

LUXEMBOURG

Casino Luxembourg, tel: 22-50-45, closed Mondays. To March 3: "Main Stations." 13 European and Amer-ican artists are represented by one major work that is both innovational and influential. Includes works by Le-Witt, Klein, Beurys, Newman and Stella, among others.

THE NETHERLANDS

Stadelijk Museum, tel: (20) 5732-911, open daily. To Jan. 14: "Emmy Andriesse: Photography." More than

100 photographs by the avant-garde

porary American artist through a se-lection of works created between 1981 and 1995.

Kunstmuseum, tel; (41) 410-9040, closed Mondays. To Feb. 25: "Clndy The contemporary American photographer features herself in theatrically composed photo tableaux, and marries human imagination and the cam-era's objective realism.

UNITED STATES

Baltimore Baltimore Museum of Art, tel: (410) 396-6300. closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To Jan. 7: "Celebrating Calder." More than 50 works, includ-ing mobiles, stabiles, works on pa-per, jewelry and tapestries.

Houston Museum of Fine Arts, tel: (713) 639-7399, closed Mondays. To Feb. 25:
"Tina Modotti: Photographs." A selection of 125 photographs of Mexican workers and peasants, of folkart and indigenous architecture. The works were created in the 1920s and Weston moved to Mexico.

Washington Corcoran Gallery of Art, tel: (202) 638-1439, closed Tuesdays. To Feb. 19: "Painting Outside Painting." The 19: "Painting Outside Painting." The exhibition explores the major trands in contemporary American painting and focuses on works and installations by contemporary artists using innovative materials, techniques and approaches to their art.

#### BOOKS

BLACK SEA

By Neal Ascherson, Maps. 306 pages. \$23. Hill & Wang. Reviewed by Richard Bernstein

THE region of the Black Sea, Neal Ascherson argues in this book of travel and history, was the site of a very modern event that took place thousands of years ago: Senled, literate people living in colonial outposts of ancient Greece met up still holds invisible power over with Scythian nomads and got into the habit of calling them barbarians.

tered migratory ones. But it was ing which Ascherson calls Ascherson's book. "the first 'colonial' encounter in European experience."

In such a way does Asch- global history. erson, a British scholar and tensively on Eastern Europe, chapters, which are rich both in

provide a theme for his search- historical data and in interpre- elaborations of obscure histo-Sea — or more accurately, the when Ascherson stretches his lands that ring the sea and that theory of the discourse of othperiences of human history. 'Civilization' and 'bar-

barism' were twins gestated and born in the Greek but above all in the Athenian imagina-tion," Ascherson writes. Ascherson writes. "They in turn gave birth to a the Western mind.' The idea that it was on the

shores of the Black Sea that It was not the first time Europeans first took themsedentary people had encoun- selves as the guardians of the light against the darkness is an the first time that "the literate interesting theory, and far from people brooded on this meet- the only interesting element in "Black Sea" mingles ac-

counts of Ascherson's own vis-And the brooding upon it in its to Black Sea cities and arturn begot "a series of ques- chaeological sites with tioning discourses which still remain with us, especially about ered history of the region. The the difference between what we attempt is to evoke the sea itself think of as "civilization" and as a kind of "personality" (the what we call "barbarism." and word is on the dust jacket) in

Ascherson's approach works journalist who has written ex- well especially in the early

seems to him to be similar.

offers the opinion that the battle Scythians in his story, the between the police and squat-Scythians being the Indo-Ira-Manhattan's East Village was a across the steppe with their re-enactment of the archetypal herds and horses long before strategy of nomadism against the arrival of the Greeks. the settled power.

terial gets a bit thin, and his region in the 18th century, population was Jewish and

medical practice in the Deep

South where both the doctor

and the patients are trying to define home and community."

(Charlotte Sector, IHT)

ing examination of the Black tation. There are moments ries test the reader's patience. Still, Ascherson is a thoughttheory of the discourse of oth- ful, well-read man whose writwere the scenes of some of the erness beyond the breaking ing is polished and sure. The most ancient multicultural expoint, or applies the lessons of diversity of his subject matter is the Black Sea willy-nilly to testimony to his principal inanything in later millennia that terest: the Black Sea as a zone of ethnic frontiers and ethnic At one point, for example, he crossings. There are Greeks and ters in Tompkins Square Park in nian migrants who moved

> There are fascinating chap-In places, especially in the ters on the Cossacks and Rus-later chapters, Ascherson's massians who expanded into the

WHAT THEY BE READING

· Ellen Dorsch, international projects director of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, is reading "My Own Country" by Abraham Vergh-"A bittersweet portrayal of a

There are, of course, the various is well worth making, for ex-Turkish rulers, especially the ample, when it comes to the Ottomans; Huns, Khazars, the Golden Horde, Catherine the Great and Potemkin, the armies in the Crimean War and later. Abkhazians and Georgians and their bitter post-Soviet-era conflict all make their appearance in Ascherson's narrative.

One of Ascherson's most absorbing chapters focuses on Odessa, founded as a trading post by the Russians in the late 18th century and from the beginning a melting pot governed not by a Russian but by a French aristocrat, the Duc de Richelieu. At one time, a third of the spoke Yiddish.

Pushkin lived in Odessa as a Mickiewicz, the great poet of 19th-century Polish nationalism, were exiled to Odessa, where they mingled with a certain Mme. Kowalska, a Polish czar's secret police.

Ascherson rarely lets a story go by without drawing some

ferocious Russian archaeological wars in the Black Sea region, which are part of Ascherson's story. They pitted brave scientists seeking truth against ideologues and their less brave scientific lackeys intent on using the archaeological evidence to support a theory of Russian cultural self-sufficiency.

When it comes to more modem issues about gender identity and ethnic conflict. Ascherson sometimes draws bigger conclusions than the evidence al- described by the authors. lows, or his discussion veers so quickly from one subject to an- in a gravel voice noticeably lackother that the point never comes ing in gratitude. Calculating that into focus.

Still, even if "Black Sea" is some of his greatest poetry. Pol-something to learn on almost ish patriots, most notably Adam every page. With ethnic con-Mickiewicz, the great poet of flicts much io the headlines, Ascherson's portrait of a place whose chief characteristic is the identities comes at the right mofemme fatale and spy who was ment, providing perspective on the mistress of the chief of the a primordial element in human

Richord Bernstein is on the arger point out of it. The point stuff of The New York Times.

SCOTLAND

Glasgow The Burrell Collection, tel: (41) 339-7633, open daily To April 14: "Visions of Spain: Paintings from the Stiffing Maxwell Collection." More than 30 paintings by Goye, El Greco, Velazquez, Murillo and Coello, along with Spanish furniture and art

SPAIN

VAM Centre Jutio Gonzales, tel: (6) 386-30-00, closed Mondays. To March 24: "Ross Bleckner." Docu-ments the evolution of the contem-

SWEDEN

Stockholm
Nationalmoseum, tel: (8) 666-4250, closed Mondays. To Jan. 7:
"Nortic Tum-of-the-Century: Luz del Norte." A collection of 100 paintings featuring Nordic landscapes and portraits:

SWITZERLAND

m Besel, tel: (61) 271-0445, closed Mondays. To March 10: "Pablo Picasso: Die Illustrierten Bücher." From cheep brochures to

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

N this excerpt from a Margaret N this excerpt from a Margaret for the declarer to establish Mitchell parody in the book spades. Belatedly, be drew trumps and played a club to the Robert King have fun on the queen and king, eventually condiagramed deal with "Harlett Brett and Harlett are playing

for the South against the North a sage trump, and the rest can be trick. "Declarer thanked his partner

the contract depended on finding East with the A-K of spades, he young man, shortly before the sometimes a hodgepodge, it is a won the first trick in his hand, political exile in which he wrote fascinating hodgepodge with played the spade six to dummy's queen and could scarcely conceal his amazement when this held the trick. "Hopefully, he continued with a spade. When this was durability of its many ethnic covered he intended to ruff. draw trumps, enter the duramy

> finesse. As the cards lay, this line of play would have suc-"But when the spade eight

> with a heart, lead a third round

of spades and take the ruffing

was played, Brent, with a faintly bored expression, ducked a sec-ond time! There was now no way

ceding a trick to Harlett's club Analysts may note that South could have survived Brett's douand sitting East and West. Their ble-duck by double-dummy opponents have overbid to six play: Drawing trumps, playing diamonds, a slam that is mak- queen and king of hearts, and able as the cards lie. Harlett led allowing East to win a spade

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« North Pole: Still a Going Concern

By Roger Collis

**SWISSOTEL** 

THE BOSPHORUS

O! Ho! Ho! Yes, 1 have to admit that my organization is out-And we do have a problem in

younger children coming into but broadened our equity base the market for the first time, and enables us to improve seralthough we are losing business vice in the underprivileged "off the top," as it were, as children reach the age of 10 or thereabouts. It's the old 80-20 rule: You make 80 percent of parts of the world. All part of sales among 20 percent of the population. But we have started from our annual report. a frequent-flier program to keep our more mature customers.

I don't want to appear cynical, but our old-fashioned imcultivate. Heritage is all the rage. Management by Nostalgia (MBN) is what our con-sultants call it. Which is one updated the logo) along with seni a dozen senior elves to Harmy traditional dress and the vard Business School this year. reindeer. Mind you, I have had to give up the white ermine it as well.) We lost half of them to linings to satisfy the conserto headhunters. So if you come vation folk. Nylon is so much across any little men with point-more practical anyway. And we had some flak from the you've got Santa to thank. animal rights lobby. No I don't

sleighs are not the most efficient board - except for the board means of transportation in the on items like gift-wrapping. 1990s. But the new 20-reindeer travel expenses and company extended-range sleigh that we sleighs. We've also introduced a brought into the fleet in time for pay freeze, which can be painful this Christmas, enables us to fly if you work at the North Pole. nonstop to Australia, traveling above the weather and commer-provement in customer relations cial traffic. The trouble is we when we finally come on stream don't show up on radar screens, with our computerized present which makes it hazardous at low system. At the moment, about altitude with a full load. Nothing half of all letters we receive go

seeing the looks on airline pas- I remember a little girl in Scotch you on the way down.

Istanbul

This is especially true among only improved our cash flow

l get sick and tired of critics who say that because we only work one day a year we aren'i cost-efficient. Well, for one age is something we actively thing, we're kept pretty busy all year round. I mean talk about shopping early for Christmas: We already have orders for next sultants call it. Which is one good reason for keeping the Ho! Ho! Ho! (although we have training. You won't believe we (Harvard had trouble believing

Of course, we have been afthink that reindeer pollute the fected by the recession like evupper atmosphere, do you? erybody else. This has meant You're right, of course, that cost-cutting right across the

I'm expecting a vast imlike as dangerous as dodging chimney pots in the old days mind you. I must say it's worth

A new French-Asian casus belli: Jean-Pierre Baluc, a French associate professor at Miyazaki University in Japan, says he's offended by the Japanese giving "love hotels" names like Le Petit Hotel. France "has been reduced to being thought of in Japan as being a country that is not serious, uncaring, frivolous, lightweight, sentimental and romantic. What nuclear lests?

Wars" outfit while the little boy Distribution is still a prob-lem. We're trying to improve it giant doll dressed in Tirolean

organization is out-dated, especially for a worldwide delivery service. gions, I'd say less than a third of directly service. Gions, I'd say less than a third of directly service. Gions, I'd say less than a third of directly service. Gions, I'd say less than a third of the reages to sort out.
Boys will be boys. One of our toys are now made at our North worst problems came when a 6maintaining contact with our Pole workshops, And we've ex- year-old hacked his way into customers. But I think you'll tended distribution points by agree we still have a great deal of customer appeal! tended distribution points by appointing local Santas on a franchise basis. This has not hundreds of presents. He was only found out when he started running a cash-and-carry toy business from the garage. I thought, "Ho! Ho! Ho! We can use talent like this." So we got

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sengers' faces as they flash past Plains, New Jersey, got a "Star been an ability to constantly redefine our core business in we cootinue in the business of distributing presents on a seasonal basis, start a package tour operation or get into executive sleigh charter? These are some

> HETHER I exist or not is the great ongoing challenge. I can live with the credibility gap between my prime target children and their parents. The problem is I'm finding it harder these days to believe in myself. But this is

of our current concerns.

Having an offshore head-quarters has fiscal advantages as you'll appreciate. Ho! Ho! Ho! Holdings is incorporated in Lapland as a charity and pays no tax on repatriated earnings.

believe m myself. But this is something all managers have to face sooner or later.

Still I'm confident I shall be around for quite a while yet. You may find my management style more durable than people think. Happy Christmas, everyone. Ho! Ho! Ho!

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### Honda Turns to Middle of the Road

By Gavin Green

APANESE carmakers got rich by stand-alone Honda boldness is missing. building the most reliable, best-value. four-wheeled appliances in the world. the once dominant British motorcycle industry in the process — and, more recently, through clever car engineering. Like Oscar Wilde, Honda regularly declared its genius.

Unlike Wilde, it got wealthy by doing it.
While the likes of Toyota and Nissan were faceless carmakers making mostly faceless cars — but what reliability and what value! — Honda matched their trustsome spice. The upshot has been a fine reputation among engineering aficionados. and among the young

This "youth appeal" has paid off handsomely. In Japan, Honda has a big following from the Levi's and Coke set. It's the same in the States, where Hondas as not quite being in the mainstream. They're family cars with a twist.

Sad to say, then, that the new three-door one's no exception. Civic, just launched in Europe, moves nearer have invariably unveiled some new technology that made customers/competitors act is roomier, but still nothing special.

With awe/gealousy, the new Civic is a mild is roomier, but still nothing special.

Wonetheless the new 1.5 engine has a azine.

remake of the old one. Being based closely on the outgoing model, it remains a fine car - one of the best in the class. But that old

Not that the new car is free from novelty. Its new headlights are big and unusually Japanese carmakers apart from Hon-shaped and illuminate the road well at night, da, that is. Honda got rich, first by dom- and the taillights are distinctively styled inating world motorcycling - strangling too. The marvelons VTEC (variable valve technology) family of motors, introduced on the old model, proliferate. In plain English, they improve low-down lugging power and top-end racmess by altering the valve timing with the engine revs. There's a new 1.5i LS version, as tested, which promises not only strong performance but almost diesel-like economy too (it delivers on both fronts). The old sporty VTEC VTi worthiness and their prices, but added engine continues, although the performance has been blunted by the new model's extra flab (up a hefty 150 kilograms).

On the road, the new Civic feels very much like the old model - no real surprise, given its provenance. The handling, long a Civic strong point, remains better than class average, despite soggier steering and despite the mass sales — are still regarded that extra weight. Hondas tend to handle flat and sporty, and this one's no exception. They also tend to be jittery of ride; this

The front seats still aren't comfortable fervor. the middle of the road. Whereas past Civics enough. They just don't offer enough back support for my 6-foot frame. The back seat

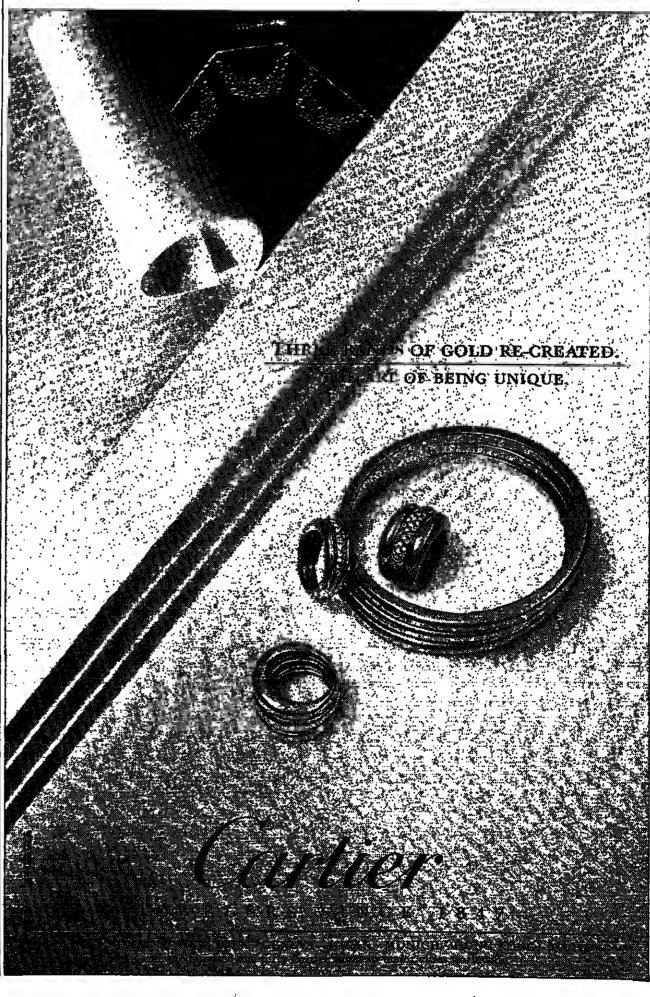
pleasing verve. Honda still builds better four-cylinder engines than anybody else. You can rev it like a racing car, if you're in the mood (there's no real point in such high revs, other than to have fun), or tread softly and revel in quite spectacular fuel economy. The gearshift is light and easy, as is

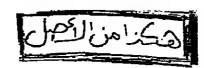
the whole driving experience. And the car is beautifully made. Try as they might, no European mass maker builds cars with the precise panel fit of a Honda. Look closely at the hidden components ever seen the inside of a Honda engine? It's a technical work of art - and the manufacturing quality gap between Honda and its European rivals widens further.

MPRESSIVE car though it is, the new Civic disappoints. It is ton marginal an improvement over its predecessor and in some ways (more weight, less fun to drive) no advance at all. Just as Europe starts seriously to up the stakes in the small hatchback sector, so the way was clear for Japan's most impressive carmaker to respond - and go further. Instead, the new Civic is largely a cop-out. Of course, it will do the job for most owners. The pity is that Honda didn't do its job with more

Next: the Peugeot 406.

Gavin Green is the editor of Car mag-





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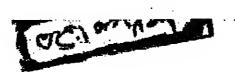
In addition, our designers and engineers are developing

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wide commitments to heart, we feel that this would be an excellent time to wish all people of good will, wherever in the world they may be, a Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year.





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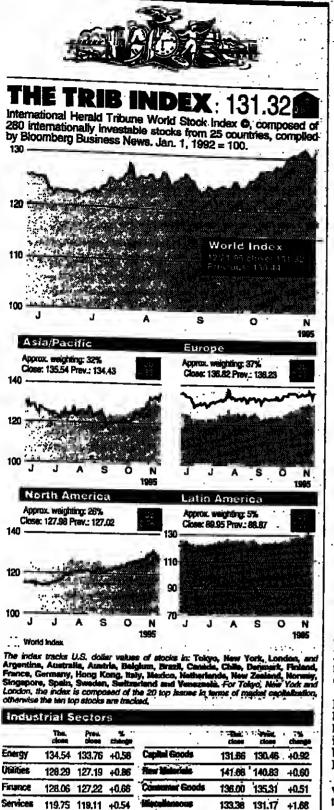
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#### \*A-Dip In the Road For years, Japanese carmakers built base models that were luxurious by other manufacturers' standards. So when market leader Toyota - worried that sticker prices had grown too steep - atripped features this spring from the Corollas it sella in Japan, consumers rebelled. Toyota responded by restoring some of the appointments in a midyear replacement model. -- BASIC LLDGIRY The 1991 Corolla typified the fully equipped, wellappointed base DEBUT October 1991 BASE PRICE 1,095,000 yen (in 1995 dollars, (above) about \$10,739) DEBUT October 1995 ■ Full fabric see BASE PRICE 1,040,000 yen (In 1995 dollars, ■ Day/night rearview ревит Мау 1995 about \$10,200) Driver-side air bag BASE PRICE 995,000 yen (In ■ Power windows 1995 dollars, about \$9,759) ■ Automatic locks COST-SAVING CHANGES ■Skmplified engine **EAM** mono radio ■Partially vinyl seats ■Bumper left black instead of painted

### Cost Cuts Need a Scalpel Not an Ax **Japanese Automakers Find Visibility Breeds Contempt**

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO — The Toyota Corolla has been Japan's best-selling car for 26 years. So when Toyota introduced a remodeled and lower-priced version of the car in May, it expected a big lift in sales.

But sales have been disappointing, and Tsutomu Kusaka, a Toyota dealer in Yokohama, said he thought he knew wby. The new Corolla not only is cheaper than the old one — it also "looks cheaper," he said.

Instead of painting the bumpers, Toyota left them black. Besides that, "the interior has become much poorer," he said. Toyota heard the complaints, and five months after it was introduced, the new Corolla was born yet again, with power windows and locks and nicer seats.

But the tale of the new Corolla raised a warning flag for the rest of Japan's automobile industry as well. Faced with a counterpart and is not due for a remodeling prolonged economic slump at home and a until 1997, and Nissan's American divisioo strong yen making it more expensive to left the equipment on the cars it sells as export, car manufacturers are racing to cut Seotras virtually intact. costs and prices to make their products

Corolla shows; cutting costs too mucb or too obviously — can backfire, turning consumers off. If Japanese companies handle cost-cutting poorly, they could jeopardize their reputation for quality and customer satisfaction.

"That is like walking on the tightrope," Louis R. Hughes, executive vice president of General Motors Corp., said at the Tokyo Motor Show in October "It's a very fine balance,"

Nissan Motor Co. had the same problem as Toyota when it unveiled its remodeled subcompact, the Sunny, in 1994 without some features that had been available in the previous model.

The equivalent American models have not been greatly affected by the scaling back in Japan. The American Corolla, manufactured in the United States and Canada, is different from its Japanese

So far, cost-cutting by Japanese com-

more competitive. But as the fate of the panies has not led to any serious deterioratioo in the quality of the cars, as measured by the oumber of defects or the frequency of breakdowns.

The Japanese won't take the risk of hurting their quality image," said Chris W. Cedergren, senior vice president of Autopacific Inc., a consulting company in Santa Ana, California. That, he said, would have a much more debilitating effect on their business than higher prices.'

Rather, the problems of the Corolla and the Nissan Sunny came from the removal of standard and luxury features, including power windows, vanity mirrors, elegant nority stake in CLT through a upbolstery and the like. In industry jargon, this is called de-contenting, or taking the content out of the car.

Removing standard features is the simplest way to cut costs and prices but is not very effective in the long nm. More savings can be gained by designing the car to be inexpensive to manufacture, by speeding up development time or by improving as-sembly-line efficiency. "What we're try-

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## **European Rivals Seen Readying Bid for CLT**

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribum

LONDON - Growing speculation that Compagnie Lux-embourgeoise de Telediffusion, the Luxembourg-based contributes 70 percent of its an-media company, was about to oual revenue. Among its holdbe sold gathered steam oo Thursday with reports that Eorope's largest media concern, Bertelsmann AG of Germany, was readying a \$2 billion bid for the company in conjunction with two French concerns.

The reports said that Bertelsmann and the French companies Canal Plus SA and Havas SA would each chip in 1 hillioo Deutsche marks (\$694.4 millioo) in the bid. Their aim was said to be the creation of a pan-European television conglom-

Bertelsmann quickly denied the talk, although it did say that if CLT were to go on the block, it might be interested in buying it. A spokesman for Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA, which effectively owns the majority of CLT through a bolding com-pany, ooted that Bertelsmann was only the latest of many recently rumored buyers. He denied, bowever, that such a sale was "on the agenda."

CLT has been said to have struck the fancy of both Walt Disney Co. and Rupert Murdocb's News Corp. Bertels-mann's reported bid partner, Havas, already owns a large mi-

holding company. In the rapidly growing European television market, where buge profits are the prize. the price of entering the sector has been daunting. That factor has led to a tangled web of cross holdings between groups as European media moguls bave sought the safety of joint ven-

tures with partners in other ma-

ducing risk and maximizing clout in what remain national television markets.

The biggest prize within CLT, for instance, is its German television operatioo, which ings, the most valuable is its stake in RTL, the German private television network, which Bertelsmann already holds 37 per ceot. Last year, in only its second year of oper-ation, RTL had claimed onethird of Germany's total tele-

visioo advertising revenues. In addition to Bertelsmann's links with CLT through RTL, it also has tie-ins to Canal Plus, which in turn is 24 percent owned by Havas. Both Bertelsmann and Canal Plus have invested in the German television channel, Vox. They are also collaborating on the production of digital television decoders.

For Bertelsmann, second only to Time Warner Inc. in the rankings of global media companies, television remains a small part of its overall business. Its recorded-music arm, BMG Ariola Musik GmbH, and its book-publishing group, each account for nearly one-third of its revenoes. BMG is the world's fifth-largest music company. Its book empire now includes Bantam Doubleday Bell Publishing Group Inc. of

Daiwa Research Institute, said Bertelsmann's electronic-media businesses were "still only marginally profitable." She attributed the poor earnings to the scale of investment Bertelsmann had poured into oew ventures in the sector. In contrast, CLT has had a record of strong profit growth in recent years. In 1994 it posted net profit of 3.3 billion Luxembourgeois francs ior countries as a means of re- (\$11.3 million).

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the United States.

Andrea Kirkby, an analyst at

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### South Africa Prepares a Leap Forward

By Donald G. McNeil Jr. New York Times Service

OHANNESBURG -- Probably no bourse in the world is quite as naked about money worship as the Johan-nesburg Stock Exchange. Where oth-ers have a bell or a clock, it has two huge bejeweled chalices modeled on those in a Roman temple. Between them is a wall of stained-glass windows representing mining, transportation and other industries that make this the richest country in Africa.

But soon this medievalism will be gone, replaced by the 21st-century version of the same cathedral: an exchange in a main-frame, presiding over a far-flung congregation of computers. Twenty years after Wall Street and 10 years after London, the world's 12th-largest stock exchange is

in the middle of its own Big Bang. Criocs have dismissed it as the Little Whimper, but others say that though the changes may not be original or earth-shaking, they signal big shifts in one of the world's most insular economies. Eventually, South Africa may be changed as much economically as it has been po-

litically. Phase 1 of the Big Bang began last month, when foreigners and South African banks and insurance companies were allowed to buy seats on the exchange, no longer forced to go through the clubby group of 46 brokerage houses.

Eleven of those houses, eager to protect themselves in the free-wheeling world to come, have already allied themselves to

local banks or been bought by American, draw foreign capital. British or Swiss institutions. Mearill Lynch Right now, nearly & Co. now controls the Davis Borkum stock of exchange-listed companies is in Hare brokerage. Donaldson, Lufkin & the hands of five conglomerates: Anglo

The more important Phase 2 is scheduled to begin March 1 with the abolition of fixed commissions. Commissions and taxes on buying and selling 10,000 rand (\$2,700) of stock now add up to about \$126. In March, that will be negotiable, and discount brokerage concerns presumably will spring up.

Disclosure requirements will be strengthened, although they will not be as tough as in America, and the exchange floor itself, where each deal is recorded on chalkboards and scribbled down on scrip, will be replaced by a computer.

Now, 'You go stand under the board and scream the name of your stock as if it were fruit and vegetables,' said Colin Goldstein, a trader at Cahn Price Shapiro. feel like a schoolyard. On a recent trading day, just before the 1 P.M. hunch break, a few laryngitis-proof brokers with ties as lond as their voices were crying their wares. A few more were squinting at the chalkboards through binoculars. But the

biggest bunch was glued to television sets:
A cricket match against England was on.
Yet the trading-floor changes will be only cosmetic if they do not lead to bigger things. The officials who run the econ-

Right now, nearly 80 percent of the Jenrette Inc. and Doley Securities Inc.
American Corp., the Sanlam group of have made overtures to others.

American Corp., the Sanlam group of companies, the Rembrandt group, the Liberty group and the insurance concern SA Mutual. Individual investors are rare. Most buying is done by banks, pension funds and insurers — which are part of the conglomerates — and by mutual funds. There are only 70 mutual funds -called unit trusts here - compared with about 5,300 in the United States.

"The big institutions don't sell," Mr. Fisher said. If they did, it could take up to four years to unwind a big position.

A study of the liquidity of various exchanges showed that an amount equal to between 30 percent and 40 percent of total market capitalization is traded annually in New York, Londoo and Tokyo; in Jo-

hannesburg, the figure is just 4 percent. The market's concentration, said Beth That is part of what makes the market Mandel, director of Morgan Stanley & Co.'s operations here, can be seen in the way Morgan Stanley adjusts its value. The exchange says the total value of all the companies it lists — normally a simple figure to calculate — is \$270 billion. But because so many companies own big chunks of one another, Morgan Stanley's Emerging Markets Index pegs its value at only \$108 billion.
This concentration has several causes.

After harsh exchange controls were put in

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# Congress Works Out Telecoms Bill

### **Deregulation Likely to Spark Mergers, Fierce Competition**

By Edmund L. Andrews New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - House and Senate oegonators have agreed on a sweeping bill to rewrite America's communications laws from top to bottom, clearing the way for Congress to pass a final bill before the weekend.

The agreement Wednesday night came after Republicans capitulated to Democrats on a variety of issues, and it means that the bill is virtually assured of passing Congress and being signed into law by President Bill

The new measure is likely to reshape the landscape of the entire communications industry, eventually bringing new competition for local telephone and cable-television monopolies, and almost certainly provoking a wave of mergers and alliances in the media and telecommunications industries.

The essential purpose of the measure is to knock down regulatory barriers that cur-rently separate the industry into protected fiefdoms for local telephone, long-distance and cable-television service.

Advances in technology and rapid change in the marketplace have made those barriers increasingly outdated.

The bill would also impose tough new

restrictions — bitterly opposed by civil-rights groups — against transmitting ma-terial considered "filthy, lewd or inde-

ceot" over the Internet and commercial oo-line services. It would also require tele-visions to rewrite the antitrust consent devisioo manufacturers to install a oew chip aimed at letting parents block out violent

programming.

The bill that emerged on Wednesday is substantially more moderate than those passed by either the House or the Senate, and

is likely to be less jolting for consumers.

But telephone and cable customers are likely to encounter choices and changes that will be far more bewildering than those that occurred after the Justice Department broke up the Bell System in 1984. Local and long-distance telephone companies will start attacking each other's markets with new packages of services, and are likely to offer video services as well.

If the possibilioes are exhilarating, the complexity is likely to be infuriating. In marathon negotiations behind closed

doors, Republicans softened numerous provisions in the bill that would have greatly increased the oumber of television and radio properties a single company could own. Under pressure from Democrats, law-

makers bad already backed away from provisions to eliminate most regulation of

cree that broke up the old Bell System, and let the regional Baby Bell companies com-

pete in the long-distance market.

AT&T Corp. and other long-distance carriers had bitterly opposed both the House and Senate bills, arguing that the Baby Bells should oot be allowed into the long-distance market until they faced greater competition in the local phone market.

On Wednesday night, executives of both AT&T and some Bell companies said the bill would be acceptable. To piacate the long-distance industry, lawmakers agreed to give the Justice Department at least a partial role in deciding when to let a Bell company enter the long-distance business. Lawmakers also gave long-distance companies a handful of technical concessions, which could give them a temporary advantage over the Baby Bells in offering packages of local and long-distance service.

Local telephone and cable television companies are already upgrading their oetworks so they can attack each other's markets, although both industries have discovered that what seems simple in theory is cable-television prices. They agreed to turning out to be difficult and expensive in keep most price restraints in place until March 1999.

March 1999.

The most politically significant compromise — and the most unexpected — is a deal that appears to resolve the most in-

#### **Polygram Faces** Metromedia Bid Admiral's Cup For Goldwyn

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - Hours after PolyGram NV agreed to buy the Samuel Goldwyn Co.'s film and TV library, Metromedia International offered to buy

company in a \$115 million package. The \$5-a-share offer made to Goldwyn late Wednesday eclipses PolyGram's \$62 million offer for Goldwyn's film library, which includes "The Madness of King George" and

"Much Ado About Nothing." With 8.49 million shares outstanding, Metromedia would pay \$42.5 million for Goldwyn's stock and assume \$72.9 million in debt for a total price of \$115.4 million.

Metromedia said it would combine the Samuel Goldwyn Co. with its Orion Pictures. 'We aim to bring together

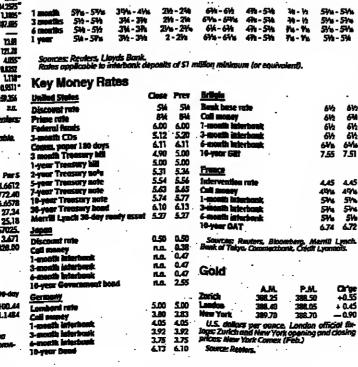
two existing libraries," said Stuart Subotnick, Metromedia vice chairman, adding there would about 2,000 titles.



Admiral's Cup with enamelled nautical pennants marking the hours. Registered model. For a brochure, write to: Corum, 2301 La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland.

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U.S. Decries Tokyo Trade 'Barriers'

and that government discussions on the issue are warranted.

panies, 'said Ira Shapiro, a U.S. trade negotiator.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A top U.S. trade official said

Thursday that Eastman Kodak Co. and other foreign film companies

have trouble penetrating Japan's film market due to various barriers

"The central role played by the Japanese government in creating these barriers, and subsequently tolerating anti-com-

petitive practices in this sector, makes this a government-to-

government trade issue, not merely a fight between two com-

A U.S. government spokesman said the statement was issued in

response to a Fuji filing saying an independent market survey had proven "conclusively" that Kodak's charges were "a sham."

•Goldmao Sachs Gronp LP. coming off its third-best year ever, is considering a public share offer, said Chairman Jon S. Corzine,

in Goldman's first public acknowledgment of the debate within the 127-year old partnership over whether to go public.

Quaker Oats Co. will post a loss of 35 cents to 45 cents a share

in its second financial quarter as it continues struggling to make its

costly Snapple Beverage acquisition pay off. The loss will reflect

a \$55 million operating loss at Snapple in the quarter as well as a

\$40 million pretax charge to restructure the husiness, which Quaker Oats bought for \$1.7 billion a year ago.

Westinghouse Corp, said it signed a definitive agreement to sell

the Knoll Group, its office furnishings unit, to Warburg Pincus

Ventures LP for \$565 million in cash.

# California Power to Go Competitive Profit Expectations

By Agis Salpukas New York Times Service

in the United States to be able to choose added cost. They would also turn over the utilities; some major consumer and industry which electric utility to patronize as a result control of their transmission systems to the of a decision by the California Public Utilities Commission.

But the decision, in a 3-to-2 vote on Wednesday, calls for setting up an elaborate tomers in the short term, but the hope is that system to give the state's own utilities time rates will fall as the system evolves. to adjust to competition and to recover huge costs they would incur in the process.

Under the decision, the state would set up an independent power pool by 1998 that would buy power from the lowest-cost producers and then resell it to the state's utilities. The goal is to bring down the cost of power in the state.

California has some of the highest rates in the country, averaging 10.28 cents a kilowatt-hour — about 50 percent higher than the national average.

Out-of-state, low-cost utilities and independent power producers could compete

The in-state utilities would buy the pow-

California consumers would be the first er and pass it on to their customers at oo ifornia Edison Co., one of the state's largest independent operator.

The radical revamping of the industry may not lead to lower rates for many cus-

One reason that major rate reductions are not expected in the early phases is that customers will have to offset some of the huge costs that will be incurred by the utilities as they become competitive.

Daniel Fessler, the commission's president, said in San Francisco that the state's utilities would have to phase out plants that would oo longer be cost-efficient.

Another major cost to be recovered involves the long-term contracts under which utilities must buy power from independent producers at prices much higher than those on the wholesale market.

with the California utilities to sell power to the pool, run by an independent operator.

The proposal adopts many key elements of a compromise reached in the fall by various groups, including the Southern Calgroups; a major environmental group, and the independent power producers.

Since the moves would have such wide impact, the commission said it would seek to build consensus with the state legislature, the governor, the utilities and consumers, all of whom could influence the outcome. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which oversees the industry, will also play a role in the changes.

The commission's decision is expected to speed efforts in other states, including New York, to break down the monopolies that utilities have long enjoyed.

But the step is also filled with uncertainties. Many in the industry and those who follow it, contend that large industrial customers may get the benefits of lowrates before smaller users see their bills go down

target for gains of 8 to 10 percent.

company's previous record high.

The funds will be used for a number of

projects, none of which will exceed \$85

million, the company said. Those projects

are scheduled to include a new production

plant in Russia and a cold-drink equipment

# Give the Dow a Lift

Bloomberg Business News

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks rallied on Thursday, led by United Technologies, amid reoewed confidence that most companies quarterly profits would meet expectations.

Positive earnings reports from Broderbund Software and 3Com Corp. suggested to investors that fourth-quarter earnings would come in on target.

analysts said.
The underlying trends that have been driving this year's rally are still in place: declining interest rates with an economy

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that's not falling off the edge," said Scott Swanson, an equities analyst at Roger Engemann &

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 37.21 points, to close at 5,096.53. The 30-stock average is down 1.65 percent this week. Advancing stocks led decliners on the New York perceot this year, in line with its traditional Stock Exchange by nearly a 3to-2 ratio.

The benchmark 30-year Coca-Cola's capital spending figure is Treasury bond gained 15/32, to 110 25/32, nudging the yield 36 percent higher than the \$1.1 hillion budgeted for capital spending this year, the down to 6.10 percent from 6.12 percent on Wednesday.

Rising stocks were led by United Technologies, which added almost 10 points to the Dow, climbing 3 1/4 to 95 7/8.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 4.55 to 610.49. recapturing most of its 5.99point drop on Wednesday. Drug, shoe, retail, communications equipment and con-struction companies posted the biggest gains.

Computer equipment and software shares rose after the encouraging earnings reports from Broderbund and 3Com were released.

The Nasdaq, filled with software and semiconductor companies such as Intel and Microsoft, leaped 15.37, or 1.5 percent, to 1,040.64.

Broderbund, a maker of educational software, said after the close on Wednesday that its first-quarter earnings rose to 73

cents a share from 57 cents a year ago, 2 cents higher than estimates. Broderbund's shares lage:

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rose 6 5/8 to 60 1/2. Their sales are still pretty good in a difficult environment." said David Farina, an

analyst at William Blair & Co. 3Com, a maker of computernetworking products, said profit from operations rose to 37 cents a share in its second quarter, up from net income of 27 cents a year ago. 3Com's stock rose 2 1/2 to 44 1/8.

Investors read more into 3Com's earnings, and what they might mean for other computer equipment makers, because of remarks company officials made afterward, analysts said. "3Com made positive comments about the industry' in a conference call with analysts, said Randall Yuen, an

analyst at Oppenheimer & Co. United Technologies rose after an Oppenheimer & Co. an-alyst, Michael Bunyaner, raised his rating on the maker of Otis elevators and Pratt & Whitney aircraft engines to "outperfrom 'market perform' form." The company's shares rose 3 1/4 to 95 7/8.

Among other computer stocks, IBM rose 1 1/2 to 90 7/8, Hewlett-Packard gained 3/4 to 83 7/8, Sun Microsystems gained 7/8 to 47 and Informix climbed 4 to 29 3/4.

Shares of UAL plunged 17 7/8 to 180 1/8 on concern the company's earnings would not meet expectatioos, after CS First Boston Corp. lowered its recommendation to "hold" from "buy." UAL's slump sent the Dow

Jones transportation average tumbling 47.71 points, 1960.67

Other big losers among airline stocks were AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines, which fell 2 3/8 to 73 3/4 the day after an American flight to Cali, Colombia, crashed. Boeing stock fell 1 1/4 to 76

3/4; Delta Air Lines Inc. fell 2 . 3/8 to 74 5/8; and Southwest Airlines Co. weakened 7/8 to 23

### Coke Shares Fizzle Despite Stock Split

ATLANTA - Coca-Cola Co. said Thursday it expected international shipments of its drinks to rise by 5 percent in the fourth quarter, below most analysts' ex-

The news overshadowed the board's approval of a two-for-one stock split, its first in three years, and of a \$1.5 billion capital spending plan for 1996, the largest investment program ever for the world's largest maker of soft drinks.

Analysts had been expecting a 7 percent

NEW YORK - The French franc rose

The rate cut came as the government

The quarter-point cut in the Bank of

started discussions with labor unions and

employers on how to create jobs. reduce

France's 5-to-10-day securities repurchase

rate, to 5.85 percent, follows Monday's

Herman Theiler, an analyst at Union

quarter-point cut in the bank's floor mon-

ey-market rate to 4.45 percent.

the workweek and revive the economy.

Thursday as the Bank of France cut one of its

key rates for the second time this week.

with a gain last year of 13 percent. That means Coca-Cola, which gets about 80 percent of its profit from sales outside the United States, will probably report fourthquarter earnings at the low end of forecasts.

analysts said. Shares of Coca-Cola fell \$1.375, to close at \$72.875, on Thursday in heavy volume. For the year, Coca-Cola said it expected per-share earnings to rise by the "upper-

teens-to-20 percent range. The company said it still expected in- program in Brazil.

A Cautious Rate Cut Helps the Franc major currencies, meanwhile, as traders cautiously waited for signs of progress in Bank of Switzerland, said the central bank's decision not cut its intervention rate, which sets the floor for borrowing costs.

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tious" and that it is "testing how far it can go in cutting rates" to help the economy.

Such caution reassured franc holders, and the dollar slipped to 4.9310 francs from 4.9405. In Paris, the mark fell to 3.4346 francs from 3.4405.

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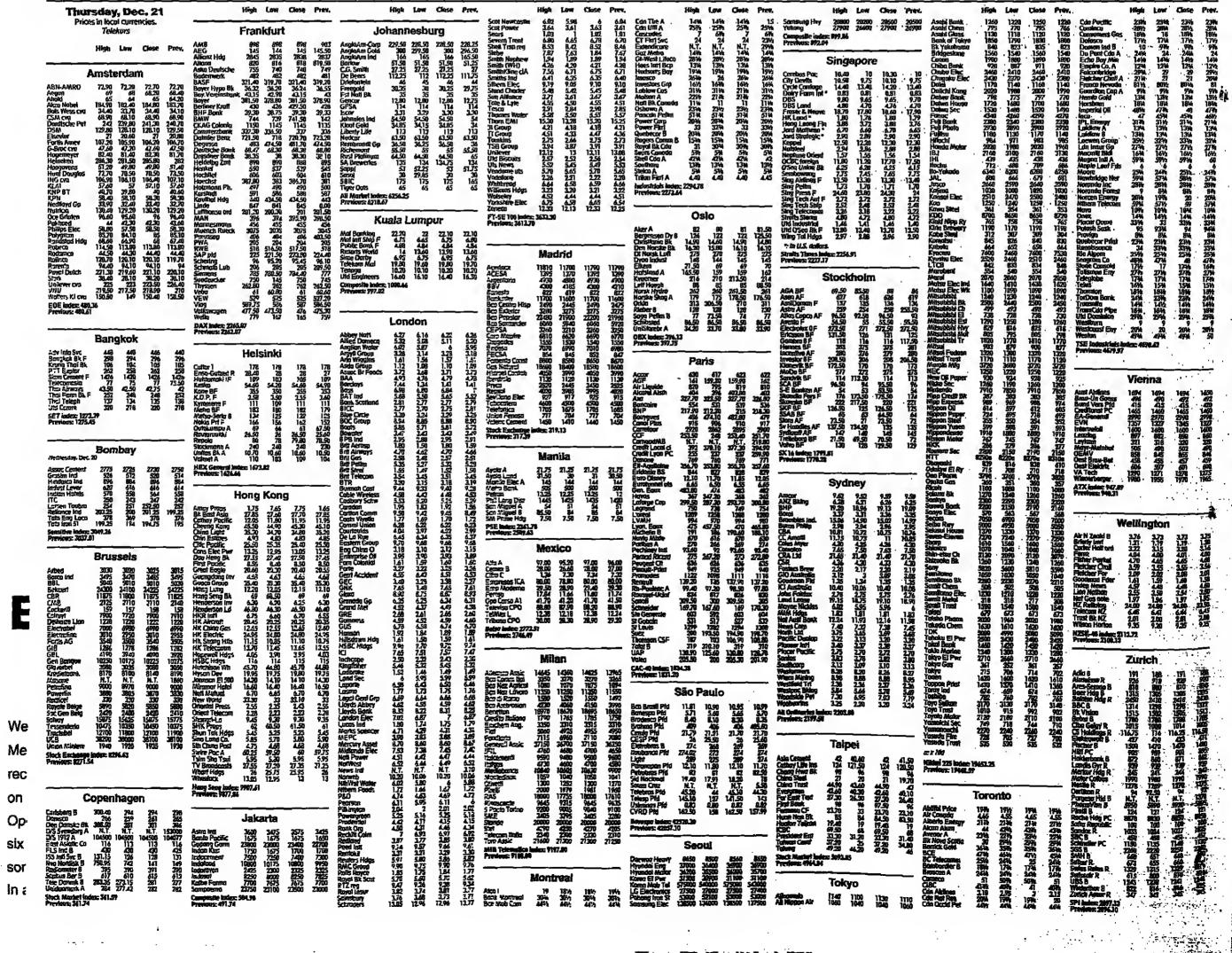
The dollar edged higher against other

#### budget negotiations in Washington. The dollar rose to 1.4387 DM from 1.4368, and to 101.775 yeo from 101.725. It

rose to 1.1570 Swiss francs from 1.1549. pound slipped to \$1.5416 from 'The key at the moment is the focus oo the budget talks," said Karl Halligan, vice president of strategic trading at CIC Bank. 'Everyone is going to be eyeing the talks

(AFX, Bloomberg)

#### **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**



# Fokker Reaches Wage-Cut Pact With Its Unions

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputches
AMSTERDAM — Fokker NV said Thursday it had reached an agreement with trade unions that would help it save 10 percent of its annual

wage costs.
The savings were expected to reach about 35 million guilders (\$21.7 million) next year, said Rombout Klinkert, a Fokker

The agreement was part of the so-called Fokker 2000 costcutting plan, launched in February, which mandated the elim-

#### Allianz Posts Rise In Income, Says Profit 'Improved'

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches
FRANKFURT — Allianz AG Holding, Europe's largest insurer, said Thursday its premium income rose 5 percent in the first nine months of the year, while profit "improved" amid cost-cutting in the absence of major natural disasters.

Premium income rose to 52.2 billion Deutsche marks (\$36.21 billion), compared with 49.7

DM in the year-ago period. Allianz said its German business was burt by weak demand, and its U.S. life-insurance business was hit by slow demand for pension funds, sending pre-miums at Allianz Life of North America down 41 percent, to 2.5 billion DM.

Income would have been higher, were it not for the surge of the mark against most major currencies, the company said. Allianz did not release specific numbers for its profit in the nine-month period.

The company's Californiabased unit, Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. will post a loss because of an \$800 million allocation to environmentaldamage reserves. Apart from that measure, Fireman's Fund would have shown an improved result for 1995, Allianz said. Allianz shares rose 1 DM, to 28.38 DM.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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ination of 1,760 jobs, or almost 25 percent of the company's work force, by 2000. Two Dutch plants are also to be phased out. Fokker, which has lost more

than 1.56 billion guilders since 1992, said the agreement with the FNV, CNV, Unie and VHP trade unions would result in a "structural reduction" of wage costs until 1999.

Fokker has said the 2000 plan is aimed at reducing the price of its planes, making the company, which is 51 percent owned by Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG of Germany, competitive.

Fokker's huge losses over the past three years have depleted its cash reserves, reodering it incapable of paying its bills without belp from Daimler. Last week, Fokker said the German company would con-tinue to offer financial support after Jan. 1. Daimler had previously said it would guarantee Fokker's bills only through the end of this year.

Analysts said the extension would give Dairnler and the Dutch government time to work out a rescue plan for the aircraft

Fokker said the reduction in vage costs could be achieved without resulting in lower net salaries for its workers. It added, however, that wage in-creases agreed to in 1994 would not be implemented at the end of this year, and that workers would return to a 38-hour work week. Unions had previously negotiated shorter work weeks in order to save jobs.

Fokker is one of the world's largest manufacturers of medium-range aircraft. It makes two versions of turboprop planes, the F-50 and F-60, and two jetliners, the F-70 and the F-100.

Fokker shares closed Thursday at 8.8 guilders, unchanged.

Separately. Fokker said it had reached an agreement to sell 50 percent of its Fokker Space & Systems unit to the uranium-enrichment company, Ultra Centrifuge Nederland NV. Terms were not disclosed.

## London Entrepreneurs AIM High

### New Exchange Is Launching Pad for Small Firms

By Fred Barbash

LONDON — If you're shopping for Eurobonds or derivatives, London's fais the place to look. If your game is foreign exchange by the billions, the trading there is great.

But an investor looking for small, management for three years. young companies with big ambitions tra-ditionally has found relatively slim pick-

ings in London.

To remedy that situation, meet the City's newest stock market: the Alternative Investment Market, or AIM.

Created in June specifically to list small companies - those that are too small and too new to qualify for the London Stock Exchange - AlM is Britain's belated curities Dealers Automated Quotatons system, the successful, 25-year-old shopping mall for investors looking for com-

world's stock exchanges except the NYSE in dollar volume — AIM is owned and operated by the London Stock Ex-

Like Nasdaq, however, AIM hopes to provide a respectable launching pad in London for the business world's young

While it is too soon to speculate about the success of AIM, it has attracted 116 toring — providing commercial finance companies since June, when it opened to other companies. Ian Fitz-Harris, chief with 10. It now has its own proud, smalltype newspaper listing.

The listed companies have little in common as businesses. They sell property, pet supplies, telecommunications services and equipment, insurance and

entertainment. They brew beer, produce because "we could get a quote" — a children's films and mine gold. There is newspaper listing. no dominant theme.

Eurobonds or derivatives, London's fa-bled financial district, known as the City, for listing on the London Stock Ex-Fitz-Harris and other executives with change, the so-called official list. The AIM-listed firms, often demand exces-conditions for making the official list sive involvement in the running of a busi-

AIM will take brand-new firms, as long as they pay the fee (about \$3,800 in the first year) and can retain an adviser, essentially a sponsor, chosen from a list of established financial-services firms cer- dren's films, music and television protified by the London exchange. That requirement - along with conventional rules of disclosure for publicly traded companies — is designed to reassure tribution of products. investors about the viability and integrity answer to the National Associaton of Se- of AIM-listed firms. Scrutiny for compliance with securities regulations is provided by the staff at the London Stock

Exchange. panies with room to grow.

Unlike Nasdaq — which competes with the New York and American stock exchanges and has overtaken all of the \$11.5 million through flotation on AIM. \$115 million that the companies did not giants — though there are prominent exhave before. Moreover, many of the firms are using the money as so-called seed capital to raise even more from other

> Euro Sales Finance PLC, for example, was a brand-new company that needed about \$38 million to get started in facexecutive of Euro Sales, said the company used AIM to raise about one-fifth of the total. That, in turn, enabled it to get the EASDAQ, a pan-European version of

rest from a syndicate of banks.

The chief alternative source of funds What they share is youth, small size, a for such businesses are venture-capital include being in business under the same ness. Plus, he said, "venture capitalists seem to want a very large stake" - a particularly imappealing demand for en-

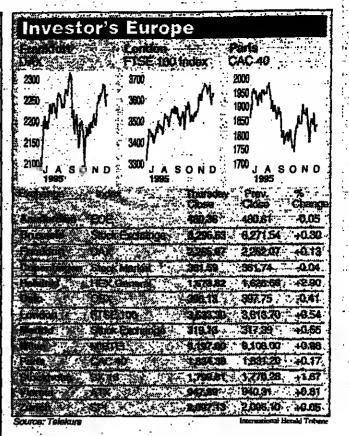
trepreneurial types. For Winchester Multimedia PLC, a Birmingham-based producer of chilgrams, listing on AIM is only the beginning of an international money-raising campaign to finance international dis-

"We went into AIM because we do not have a three-year record," said Gary Smith, Winchester's chief financial officer. "As soon as we do," he said,

we'll look at the full market." Indeed, that desire to graduate to the so-called full market is one of the many differences between Nasdaq and AIM. Nasdaq firms mostly have stayed with While the amount may seem small, it is Nasdaq, even as they, and it, bave become

> Mr. Wallis hopes the same will be true of AIM, but some analysts here believe that AIM, as an offshoot of the London Stock Exchange, may always be considered minor league, with those companies that prosper always seeking an

What is more, AIM will soon be facing competition from a new, Brussels-base exchange for growth companies called Nasdaq, from which it draws its name and Banks, he said, were receptive not only a formal partnership. That market is slatbecause of the seed money raised, but ed for launch in September 1996.



#### **Very briefly:**

•Smithkline Beecham PLC said it had agreed to pay 203 million Deutsche marks (\$141.3 million) to buy Abtei Pharma-Vertriebs GmbH, Germany's leading mass marketer of grocery over-the-counter drugs. Smithkline said that the purchase would make it Germany's leading consumer healthcare company.

•The European Commission broadened its investigation into the £1.25 billion (\$1.93 billion) merger of the South African platinum units of Lonrho PLC and Gencor Ltd. due to fears that it would constrain competition. The commission, which launched an initial probe last month, opened a second-stage investigation that could last as long as four months.

·Britain's economy grew by 0.4 percent in the third quarter of the year for an annual rate of 2.1 percent, according to figures released by the Central Statistical Office. GDP had risen by 0.5 percent in the second quarter for an annual rate of 2.8 percent

•Union Bank of Switzerland said it would pay 180 million Swiss francs (\$155.9 million) to buy Appenzell-Ausserrhodische Kantonalbank, a Swiss cantonal bank, joining Swiss Bank Corp. and Crédit Suisse in absorbing small regional banks in order to boost its market share.

•Telefónica de España SA said it agreed to sell its 5.84 percent stake in the AT&T Corp. unit AT&T Network Systems International for 6.54 billion pesetas (\$53.7 million) to AT&T International. Telefónica said it expected to post capital gains of 'over 3.6 billion pesetas."

•Mannesmann AG, the German engineering and telecommunications company, said that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission had approved conversion of the company's American depositary receipts to sponsored shares. The change, effective Dec. 20, means that buyers of Mannesmann ADRs will pay reduced commissions and automatically receive more information about the company.

•Rolls-Royce PLC said it appointed John Rose, managing director of its aerospace division, to the post of chief executive, beginning on April 30 when Sir Terence Harrison retires.

### Philips to SellWireless Units to AT&T

ics NV's wireless-phone equipment busi-

nesses based in France and Germany. The companies said they expected to complete the deal in early 1996, but they refused to give financial details.

The purchase expands AT&T's presence in the European market, where it formed an alliance last year with Unisource, a venture of phooe companies in the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

The deal will also strengthen the Net-(Bloomberg, AP, Reuters) work Systems unit as AT&T prepares to cations services, the next generation of largest telecom company.

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sell it to the public under plans to split into wireless communications. MORRISTOWN, New Jersey—AT&T three companies. Under the spinoff plan, Philips shares closed 20 cents higher, at Corp. said Thursday its AT&T Network Systems unit would buy Philips Electronsell a 15 percent stake in Network Systems stock exchange, while in New York, AT&T sell a 15 percent stake in Network Systems to the public in the first half of 1996.

'AT&T is trying to fill all of their product gaps. They want to own equipment from soup to nuts - everything from switches to handsets," said Albert Lin, an analyst at Cowen & Co.

The businesses include a global work force of about 3,500 and sales organizations in 25 countries.

Philips is selling the assets to concentrate on products for personal communi-

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stock exchange, while in New York, AT&T closed unchanged, at \$65,125.

SAP Joins Forces With Telekom

SAP AG said Thursday it planned a joint venture with Deutsche Telekom AG to make software for telecommunications companies, Bloomberg reported from Walldorf, Germany.

The venture, subject to approval by competition authorities, will link the leading European software maker with Europe's

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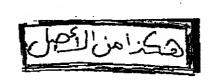
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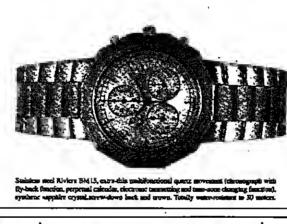
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### Japan Bailout Plan de Pressures Bonds **And Finance Chief**

as opposition politicians called for his resignation. "Finance Minister Takemura at least should resign after the six basis points, or hundredths formation of the budget for the fiscal year starting next April,"
Takeo Nishioka, acting secretary-general of the New Fron-Takeo Nishioka, acting secre-tary-general of the New Fron-tier Party, told the financial dai-

ly Nihon Keizai Shimbun. Japan approved a plan Tuesday to use about 685 hillion yen (\$6.7 billion) of public money for an agency to take over problem loans at the companies.

The seveo companies, known as jusen, have become a symbol of the deep problems of Japan's financial system, and solving bonds to generate revenue, those problems is considered vital to restoring international confidence in Japanese banks. Many analysts and financial specialists have said using public money was unavoidable.

In the financial markets, however, bond prices fell amid concern banks may sell secu-rities to raise money to write off reasons. Some of the critics bad loans. That coocern plus the merely call it hastily made and government's plan to issue 21 badly explained, but othertrillion yeo in bonds as part of an economic stimulus package litically motivated rescue of the amounted to grim news for a agricultural cooperatives that market already facing tough times, analysts said.

TOKYO — The government's plan to use public funds

After three years of trying to spend itself into a recovery, the government has flooded the to bail out seven insolvent mort-market with bonds. Meanwhile, gage companies added to the signs that the economy may be pressures on the bond market starting to recover raise the Thursday as well as on Finance prospect of inflation, the enemy Minister Masayoshi Takemura, of fixed-income instruments such as bonds.

The yield on the No. 174 benchmark 10-year bond rose each 50,000 yen in face value.

Investors were concerned not only over how banks may respond to the plan to clean up bad loans left by the jusen but also by 30 trillion yen in nonperforming loans yet to be dealt with.

Banks may dispose of most of this burden with write-offs, balanced partly by selling from record highs despite Thursday's decline, banks may decide to sell bonds to lock in profits, said Peter Morgan, portfolio manager at Banque

Nationale de Paris. The jusen plan also has come scharge that it represented a pohelp to support the governing coalition. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

### The Great Shanghai Shakedown: Growing Pains of a New Market

SHANGHAI - Five years into an ambitious experiment to create China's

first post-revolution stock market, the Shanghai Stock Exchange is faltering. that the exchange would provide a way to profit from China's explosive growth. owned by Chinese investors.

Instead, they've watched the benchmark can be owned by foreigners, fall 65 per-cent, from a high of 140.85 in May 1992

William Kaye, managing director of the Asia s smallest stock markets, trailing the Asia Hedge fund in Hong Kong.
"They're designed to suck up investment of \$66 billion and Manila with \$56 bilcapital from foreigners."

At a five-year anniversary ceremony on Tuesday, Beijing underscored the im-portance of the Shanghai exchange to China's development by sending Zhu Rongji, the country's top economic plan-

Deng Xiaoping's market reforms, which were designed to remold the country's economy in the image of 'capitalism with Chinese characteristics.' ecocomy.

Shanghai was an ohvious starting cipitous declines of both the A sh point. China's higgest city, it was also the nation's financial capital. Its European—

The Shanghai Composite Inde style boulevard, the Bund, was known as tracks mostly A shares, reached a high of the "Wall Street of China" before the 1,558.95 in February 1993 and has since 1949 revolution. In 1939, before the out-break of World War II, 50 brokerages Many Shanghai-I were listed as members of the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Starting over in 1990 with only eight members, the membership list in five years has grown to 188, including giant

Of its total membership, only 36 companies sell B shares, which started trading in February 1992. Four companies sell Foreign investors had originally hoped only B shares, while the rest sell both B shares and A shares, which can only be

Since it was founded, the Shanghai index for Shanghai B shares, or those that Stock Exchange has amassed a market capitalization of more than 300 billion yuan (\$36.08 billion), amounting to 7

> To a large degree, the fortunes of the Shanghai Stock Exchange have been plagued by bad timing.

Concerned about annual inflation of more than 20 percent and annual econer, to bang a gong to start trading.

Abolished by the Communists after their 1949 victory, the Shanghai Stock Exchange was revived in 1990 as part of austerity measures designed to slow the

> Almost overnight, bank loans to comparties dried up, and with them the problems for good earnings. The precipitous declines of both the A shares and companies that some foreign analysts

The Shanghai Composite Index, which

Many Shanghai-listed companies still follow Chinese rather than Western accounting practices, another fact that who point to swift growth in the commakes foreign investors leery.

Last year, for example, Shanghai Goods & Materials Trading Centre Co., a state corporations such as Shanghai services company, used Chinese account- to 126 million yuan next year from 110 Petrochemical Co., Maanshan Iron & ing standards to report a 32 million yuan million yuan.

Steel Co., and Guangzhou Shipyard International Co.

after-tax profit. Actually, the company probably lost money last year, said Educational Co. mund Huang, an analyst at Baring Socurities in Shanehai.

> Trading in commodities futures has been a major profit source for the com-pany, Mr. Huang said, accounting about 60 percent of its 1993 profits. Last year, Chinese regulators moved to dampen ac-

tivity in the commodity futures market.

"Most foreign brokerages assume that if Shanghai Goods & Materials Trading, to 48.97 on Thursday.

These companies are not designed to maximize shareholder wealth, said william Kaye, managing director of the William Kaye, managing director of the things were william to the transfer of the transfer of the transfer of Jakarta with capitalization opened its books to foreign investors, transfer of the rest year. have fallen 44 percent in the past year, from a high of 15.27 year to 8.50 year on

Thursday. Compounding the difficulty for foreign investors, most companies listed on the Shanghai Exchange still conduct at least part of their husiness as if they were still part of China's old command econ-

Shaking their heads in frustration, foreign investors and analysts often refer to China B share companies as "black boxes" where decisions are often made for

omy rather than to make profit.

Among the B shares are a handful of companies that some foreign analysts fa-vor. They include Shanghai Pilkington Glass Co., which has the market's largest capitalization at \$90 million. It has a new production line that analysts say could

boost profits by 20 percent in 1996. Shanghai New Asia (Group) Co. is another company favored by analysts, pany's 49 percent-owned local Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise. Crédit Lyonnais estimated New Asia's profits would rise

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#### Very briefly:

Taiwan's cabinet scrapped restrictions on foreign investors' ability to take money out of the country, and Taiwan's main stock index jumped 2.6 percent in anticipation of fresh foreign funds.

 Acer Inc. forecast record 1996 profit of at least 35 percent more than the 5.8 hillion Taiwan dollars (\$212.2 million) the computer maker expects to earn this year.

•BASF India Ltd.'s German parent company received government clearance to set up a wholly owned trading unit in India. It was denied permission to set up a factory because it already had three production facilities in the country.

•Coles Myer Ltd. said the managing director of its Myer Grace Bros. department-store business, Peter Wilkinson, had resigned, the second senior executive to leave the company in a month.

South Korea sent a ship carrying 15 Kia Motors Co. vehicles to North Korea in the first direct export of the south's cars to the

### **Tokyo Posts First Increase** In Store Sales Since 1992

Bloomberg Business News

TOKYO - Departmentstore sales rose in November for percent in November from a the first time in almost four years, an industry association said Thursday, a new sign that Japan's economy may be re-

covering from its long slump. Stock prices rose after the average rising 204.66 points, to close at 19,653.25, just short of its highest close this year.

Association said sales rose 0.3

report, with the Nikkei stock bealth, housing construction, private consumption and capital investment also have shown increases in the past month.

### **Murdoch Sees Soft First Half**

SYDNEY — Rupert Murdoch said Thursday that weakness in panded interior space, so critics said that overall, naior 11 St elevision markets would lead to a small drop in News the new model was better than the old one. Corp.'s six-month profit, but he predicted a higher full-year result. Mr. Murdoch, chairman of the global media and publishing concern, said the current quarter was proving a difficult one for U.S.

media companies, particularly in television advertising.

The performance of the company's Fox's Television network in the United States is mixed, he said, with Southern California soft but smaller markets performing well. But he said News Corp. would show improved profit for the year ending June 30, 1996. A year earlier, it earned 1.36 hillion Australian dollars (\$1.01 billion).

TOYOTA: Seeking Cost Cuts That Won't Be Noticed Men to Stay Continued from Page 13

The Japan Department Store ing to do is take cost out where the customer doesn't see it.' Henry D.G. Wallace, executive auto executive who asked not to be identified. vice president of Mazda Motor Co., said of the But the changes on the Corolla were ap-

> because of the strong yen, the new Civic costs about 1.5 percent more than the old one.

> Honda did eliminate some frills: It replaced the rear disk brakes with cheaper and less technically

But Honda got much of its savings by cutting development costs and increasing its use of American materials. It also designed the new Civic with an improved, quiet engine and ex-

hidden cost-cutting. In its 1994 annual report, it boasted bow it bad trimmed overall costs by \$1.5 billion in a single year. It used more common parts and fewer model variations and reduced complicated automation in its factories.

Japanese and American executives agree that Japanese cars have been built with excessive quality and luxury. The cars were painted in

places that no one could see, and some fabrics used even on economy cars "were so high-cost we would shake our heads," said one American

Association said sales rose U.3 doesn't see it," Henry D.G. Wallace, executive who asked not to be identified, percent in November from a year earlier, to 724.7 billion yen (\$7.1 billion), their first monthly increase since February 1992.

The news reflected a return to high-quality goods, analysts said. In other signs of economic bealth, housing construction.

The new Civic costs about 5 percent less than the old one—although in the United States, because of the strong ven the new Civic costs in the percent of the strong ven the new Civic costs. in the past couple of years.

This is the second slip-up for Toyota with what is supposed to be its "people's car." The previous Corolla, introduced in 1991, turned out to be too advanced drum brakes, and it used fewer threads in the fabric on the back seat.

luxurious and expensive. It had been designed during the so-called bubble economy of the late 1980s, when soaring land and stock prices made people feel extravagant. But the bubble burst just

Toyota Studies U.S. Plant Site

Tovota is considering West Virginia Toyota is normally a master of this kind of possible site for an engine plant to serve its North or a worman, on Toyota's board dden cost-cutting. In its 1994 annual report, it American factories, Bloomberg Business News of directors was not a step forereported. "Nothing firm has been decided yet, but we are considering various locations," said Mie Aoyama, a Toyota spokeswoman.

Toyota said in June it might build a plant in North America to make four-cylinder engines for its Corolla cars, which are made in Fremont, California, and Cambridge, Ontario.

### In Toyota's Driver Seat Bloomberg Business News

TOYOTA CITY, Japan -While Toyota Motor Corp. must become "a truly global company," more than a decade would probably pass before a woman or a non-Japanese employee reached the senior executive ranks of Japan's largest automaker, said Hiroshi Okuda, a top company officer, on

As part of the company's in-ternationalization strategy, Mr. Okuda said he would like to see more diversity in Toyota's executive ranks.

seen for the near future, he

Toyota's board is dominated by Japanese men who have worked their way up through the company's ranks over several decades.

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### BANG: South African Bourse Prepares for New Era

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place when capital began fleeing South Africa after the Sharpeville Massacre in 1961 ushered in an era of increased social and political turbulence, foreign investors began to shy away. South African companies - already hig because mining is capital-intensive — thus had few outlets for their profits except to buy other South African companies.

"The Big Bang is pretty marginal until you get other reforms like relaxing exchange control," Ms. Mandel said. Bin it's unfair to call it the Little Whimper. It's one sign that the economy is aligning itself with international norms Given their history, I think it's incredible how quickly things

there are several reasons for the exchange to seek major reforms now. Foreign investors. deciding that the nation is being held together by more than bal-ing wire and Nelson Mandela's halo, are showing interest in South Africa. Emerging-markets mutual funds, in particular, are buying its stocks. All of Africa accounts for only about 2 percent of the world's market

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burg exchange accounts for about 95 percent of Africa.

In addition, exchange controls are slowly loosening and were dropped entirely for foreigners in April. Roy Andersen, the exchange's president, says he wants a "formidable total package of changes to be carefully managed. The advan-tage of being late, he said, is that "we're cherry-picking the best

capitalization, but the Johannes- out of various baskets." He added: "We commissioned Ernst & Young to research 31 exchanges - not only the big, sexy ones, but more relevant ones like Malaysia. Our rules for disclosure are basically London's. Our capital requirements are the European Union's; and our automated system was created by the Chicago Stock Exchange and is used by Manila and Bangkok."



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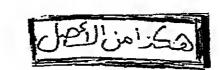
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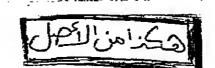
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Rupert Murdoch at the helm of Sayonara before he was injured.

#### Murdoch Hurt at Sea

SAILING The media magnate Rupert Murdoch underwent surgery after tearing away half of the top of his right index finger in a sailing accident in Sydney Harbor.

Murdoch caught his finger between the main sheet and boom of the giant U.S. maxi Sayonara as it tacked under Sydney Harbor bridge in practice for the Sydney-Hobart race. (Reuters)

#### A Record for Australia

CRICKET Australia set a record score at the Sydney Cricket Ground to beat Sri Lanka by five wickets with two balls to spare in their World Series match Thursday. Chasing Sri Lanka's 50-over 255 for nine, Australia scored 257 for five — the highest winning total for a side batting second in a oneday international on the ground. Australia's captain, Mark Taylor, made a methodical 90. Aravinda de Silva was the top scorer for Sri Lanka with a

#### Scottish Rugby Offers Cash

RUGBY UNION Scotland's players have been offered contracts worth up to £25,000 (\$38,500) to cover the 1996 Five Nations Championship and the recent game against Western Samoa. Players will get a retainer of £5,000 plus match payments and victory

#### Iowa Player Suspended

FOOTBALL A University of Iowa linebacker, Marcus "Tex" Montgomery, was suspended after being charged with assaulting a former girlfriend. According to Johnson County court records, Montgomery, 25, punched the woman, dragged her down a flight of stairs at the university's chemistry building and kicked her. Montgomery will miss the Sun Bowl against Washington. (AP)

#### Orioles Sign Alomar

BASEBALL The Baltimore Orioles signed Roberto Alomar, the all-star second baseman, to a three-year, \$18 million contract in the biggest move on a busy day following the deadline at midnight Wednesday for signing players. Major-league teams created 48 more free agents when they failed to offer contracts. See Scoreboard. (AP)

# WORLD ROUNDUP Atletico Rises to Top Of Spanish League

An emphatic 3-0 victory over fourthplaced Compostela left Atletico Madrid to celebrate its first Christmas in 15 years at the top of the Spanish league with a four-

Espanyol, in second-place, lost ground after missing a penalty five minutes from

#### WORLD SOCCER

the end of regulation time in its 1-1 home tie Wednesday with Real Betis, while third-place Barcelona lost, 1-0, at Sevilla. Atletico's victory was again orchestrat-

ed by the Spanish international midfielder José Luis Caminero and a newly signed Serbian player, Milinko Panoc, who put together some fine moves despite the heavy Vicente Calderon field.

The Bulgarian forward Lyboslav Penev put Atletico ahead after 20 minutes and could have added goal another shortly af-

But despite its dominance, Atletico had to wait until late in the second half to add to its tally with the Argentine midfielder Diego Simeone and Roberto Fresnedoso hitting the target.

Espanyol's veteran captain, Francisco Lopez, put his team ahead just before halftime against Real Betis, but a mistake after a corner allowed Pier Cherubino to volley the equalizer midway through the second

A mix-up in the Betis penalty led to a spot kick for Espanyol, but Betis' goalkeeper, Pedro Jaro, blocked José Toril's penalty and Betis hung on for a point. Barcelona, which trails the leaders by

seven points, deserved more than a point from a bad-tempered game at Sevilla. It lost to a solitary first-half goal by Monchu Suarez, who used his knee to

knock the ball over the substitute goalkeeper, Jesus Angoy, after a set piece. Barcelona's playmaker, Ivan de la Pena, gave the Portuguese winger Luis Figo and the Romanian striker Gheorghe Hagi opportunities on several occasions, but Johan

Cruyff's team was unable to convert possession into goals. **NETHERLANDS** A goal by Jari Litmanen goal gave Ajax Amsterdam a victory ednesday as it stretched its unbeaten run

in the Dutch first division to 51 games. The Finnish striker scored the only goal

berto Tomba stormed out of a World Cup

Tomba upstaged a victory by Lasse Kjus in the final men's giant slalom of the year. The Norwegian edged out Michael von

Gruenigen of Switzerland by 0.22 seconds

podium in 12 races this season, winning

twice and finishing second on five other

Tomba was upset at the officials' de-

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Jure Kosir of Slovenia, who had held a

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It was Kjus's seventh appearance on the

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lowly De Graafschap Doetinchem. Litmanen's play and fine approaches by Finide George and Ronald de Boer to put the league leader ahead just before halftime. De Graafschap had made most of the early

PSV Eindhoven, in second place and trailing Ajax by five points, found goals much easier to come by against the bottom club, Go Ahead Eagles Deventer.

The Belgian midfielder Luc Nilis set PSV on its way to a 5-0 victory by scoring direct from a free kick after 29 minutes. He scored again a minute before halftime...

**ENGLAND** First-division teams Norwich and Birmingham lined up a quarterfinal clash in the English League Cup at the expense of Premier League opponents Jon Newsome clinched the winner for

Norwich over last season's beaten finalist, Bolton, in a penalty shoot-out after the two sides had failed to score by the end of extra time in the third-round replay.

After five penalties each, the score was

2-2. But Newsome scored from Norwich'a sixth spot kick, and Bryan Gunn saved Mark Patterson's effort to send his team into the last eight. Kevin Francis, a 6-foot 7-inch (2-meter)

striker, scored twice in the first 17 minutes to send Birmingham on the way to a 2-0 victory over the Premier League team Middiesbrough in their replay and gave the the game, and 10th in 11 international Juninho his first year, four minutes from the end. taste of English giant-killing. Juninho wasted a good chance to give Middlesbrough an early lead at Birmingham when he jostled his Norwegian teammate Jan-Aage Fjortoft off the ball only to miss the target.

BRAZEL Tulio scored twice as Brazil beat Colombia, 3-1, in a friendly international Wednesday in Manaus, but he appeared to use his arm in setting up the goal that turned Tulio also appeared to use his arm in

June when he equalized for Brazil in the 80th minute of the Copa America quarterfinal against Argentina.
The result Wednesday's stretched

Brazil's unbeaten run to 35 gaqmes since losing 1-0 to Mexico in 1993. The teams were even at 1-1 with eight

minutes left when Colombia's goalkeeper, Miguel Calero, missed a high cross. The ball fell to Tulio, who appeared to use his arm as as Ajax made heavy weather of beating stabbed the ball into the empty net. Tulio had agreed to work together.

line, Tomba was lunching with his body-

guard just across the Italian border in Tarvisio.

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Earlier, he had called the pressroom in

Kranjska Gora, saying:
"I disagree with the decision taken by

that they can't mess around with me."

had equalized for Brazil in the 48th minute wiping out Oscar Pareja's first-half goal for Colombia. Tulio grabbed his second goal of the game, and 10th in 11 internationals this

ITALY More than 1,000 policemen will be on riot duty at Saturday's cagerly awaited clash between two top-ranked teams, Fiorentina and AC Milan, in Florence. The Prefect of Florence is expected to

order live television coverage of the Serie A game for the entire Tuscany region, while the anticipated 2,000 Milan fans will be escorted to and from the stadium. Florenti-

na's fans are ootoriously explosive. Milan, the league leader, comes into the game just one point shead of Fiorentina, with Parma a further point away in third and Juventus fourth, five points behind Milan, ARGENTINA Diego Maradona has

changed his mind and decided to stay with Argentina's Boca Juniors next season even though his old adversary, Carlos Bilardo, will be the coach.

Boca's new chairman, Mauricio Macri, said Wednesday that Maradona and Bihe passed to substitute Carlinhos, who lardo, Argentina's former national coach,

Tomba Upstages Kjus's Slalom Victory he competed — and went flying off-course place, finishing with a two-run combined time of one minute 58.74 seconds.

While his rivals returned to the starting Ertl Wins Women's Race Martina Ertl of Germany won her sec-

ond straight World Cup giant slalom Thursday, overcoming icy conditions to finish 1.49 seconds ahead of her nearest rival. The Associated Press reported from Veysonnaz, Switzerland. Ertl, 22, had a two-run time of 2 minutes,

the officials today and I was hoping that 0.06 seconds, winning the first run with a Jure Kosir would follow me, but I can time of 58.93 seconds. Sabina Panzanini of imagine the kind of pressure he was un-Italy was second in 2:01.55, followed by Anita Wachter of Austria in 2:01.79. Karin "The officials are playing with us," he added. "They don't know what it means to Roten of Switzerland was fourth in 2:02.48, followed by Leijla Piccard of race in these conditions. I wanted to show France in 2:02.54 and the World Cup overall leader, Alexandra Meissnitzer, of Aus-The runner-up three-times this season, tria in 2:02.61. Kius took full advantage of Tomba's ab-Meissnitzer took the overall lead

sence to register the first giant slalom vic- Wednesday with her second super-G title of the season. She had a time of 1 minute, irst leg, also resisted the restart.

Third after the first leg, Kjus skied an 28.72 seconds to edge Heidi Zurbriggen of But under pressure from local organizers error-free second run to vault into first Switzerland by 0.18 seconds.



Espanyol's Francisco Lopez connecting with the ball, watched by Alexis Trojillo and Francisco Sánchez Jara (12) of Beils.

### Charlton Resigns as Ireland's Boss.

DUBLIN - Jack Charlton quit as Ireland's manager Thursday just eight days after his team failed to win a place. in the European championship finals

After with meeting Football Association officials in Dublin, the 60-year-old former central defender for England said he had felt for some time that there was a need for a change

"Ten years is a long time in the job. They have been brilliant years," said Chariton. Charlton led his adopted country to

unprecedented success in his nine-year reign.
Ireland reached the World Cup quar-

terfinals in 1990, qualified for the finals again in 1994 and also qualified for the 1988 European championships. It lost only 17 games of the 93 played

while Charlton was at the helm.

Netherlands in a European champi onship playoff at Anfield on Dec. 13. ## Charlton made it clear afterward that he would make oo immediate decision on his future.

With dates for Ireland's World Cub But the pressure oo him mounted. qualifiers due to be finalized next month it was widely understood that a majoritie of Irish soccer officials were anxious in install a new man by then.

Louis Kilcoyne, the president of the Football Association of Ireland, said Thursday that a search for a new many ager would begin immediately.

"We are now entering a new era and as smooth transition is essential," he said.
"We expect to make an early approximately approx ment, certainly well before convacative! nior international game."

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Mick McCarthy, the former Ireland defender who is manager of English first-division club Millwall, is the clear The last of those defeats was by the favorite to step into Charlton's place.



Anita Wachter, who took third place Thursday on an icy giant sialom course.

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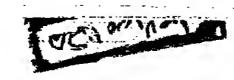
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#### **SPORTS**

## Big Losses for Little Guys **Are Almost Guaranteed**

By Chris Dufresne Los Angeles Times Service

O NOT be fooled by the occasional ball. For every misty-eyed Mount:

St. Mary's victory over Georgia Tech, there are a bundred mismatches that go off letic director, Roachel Lanev said. romantic upset in college basket-

No one is particularly proud of these December hit jobs — Kentucky 96, Morehead State 32 — but it's all part of a sport's with his approval, by Coach Tom Apke.

Morehead State University in Kentucky, calls them "prostitution games." His school president requires him to schedule at least two "guarantees" per season. The first \$50,000 earned goes into the general fund; anything extra the athletic department gets to pocket.

Morehead bas played 17 guarantees since Dick Fick became basketball coach five years ago, netting the school more than

\$250,000. "No doubt, sebools at this level, with gender equity, have to play these games, Fick said.

Here's how it works: For a \$25,000 fee, a school agrees to have its Morehead bashed by Kentucky at Rupp Arena. Often, the perpetrator will throw in perks such as travel expenses just to make sure you don't chick-

Kentucky gets what it wants — a good show to satisfy the local hoop lust — and Morehead gets what it came for (the check, sonating pylons in a 58-point loss and \$25,000 more for showing up against Kenfacky. On Saturday, the pledge drive heads west as the Eagles travel to No. 10 Iowa.

'You're always going to lose those pames," Hamilton said of the arrangement.
'You're always at the other team's place.

Fick acknowledges p 'm not sure I can justify what we do. We do
t for financial reasons. The UK and
ouisville games were harmful, in my opin-

The morning papers in December are illed with box scores born of financial onsiderations. Tuesday it was No. 1 ansas 103, Pittsburg State 48; No. 6 ieorgetown 88, St. Francis (Pennsylvania) 5; No. 15 Missouri 81, Austin Peay 58; No. 2 Wake Forest 91, Appalachian State 50. No school west (or east) of the Ap-dachians has scheduled more of a Murerer's Row than Appalachian State of the authern Conference.

The Mountaineers, of Boone, North Carina, have been led blindfolded down a pre-

second half the Bearcats solved them

We put some bodies on him and I think

of framewated," Cincinnati's coach, Bob

rgins, said after the ninth-ranked scots were down No. 24 Cal for a 77-70

the Rahim had a game-high 25 is, but only seven in the second half,

e. Cal (4-1) shot just 33 percent from use floor in the second half after taking a 43-

"It wasn't what they did. It was more what we did," said Abdur-Rahim, who

picked up his fourth foul with 81/2 minutes

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Bearcats Outlast Golden Bears** 

Tech, North Carolina Charlotte, North Carolina Greensboro and Wake Forest. The average margin of defeat in the five games was 24.2 points, but all the checks cleared.

"And so far, we haven't met the chal-

Laney said the schedule was worked out, Steve Hamilton, athletic director at tiny boot camp early to have his squad battle-tested before the start of conference play. But no one can deny part of it is fi-

The take-home pay for a good Atlantic

Coast Conference roasting is \$25,000.
"It's a good day's work," Laney said. And yes, there is always the off-chance of an upset. "You can always pull one out like St. Mary's did over Georgia Tech," Laney said of Monday's 71-69 upset at Atlanta.

Last year, Fick reminds, Morehead led Indiana at the half Indiana at the half.

et, the strategy can backfire. One-sided losses can shake confidence and crush the psyches of 20-year-olds. In the Monday follow-up to Sat-urday's 64-point Kentucky loss, Morehead was extended to overtime before defeating Thomas More, an NAIA school.

"There was still a residual affect from the UK game," Hamilton said. "There was a lack of confidence. Now we go play Iowa, please). This season, Morehead has cashed a and I'll guaranteed you they won't have the same mercy on us that UK and Louisville

> Kentucky led Morehead, 50-14, at the half, but Hamilton swears it could have been much worse had Coach Rick Pitino

Fick acknowledges playing No. 1 Ken-

tucky this year was a mistake.
"I really feel the Clippers would give them a game for a half, then Kentucky would kill them," Fick said.

Morehead had hoped the media exposure leading into the Kentucky game would help the program, but the wipeout may have the opposite affect.

'I don't recommend people do this, play those schools for the sake of money, unless it's absolutely necessary," Hamilton said. Morehead has two more "guarantees"

scheduled for next season, opponents to be determined. Don't expect the school to do any more

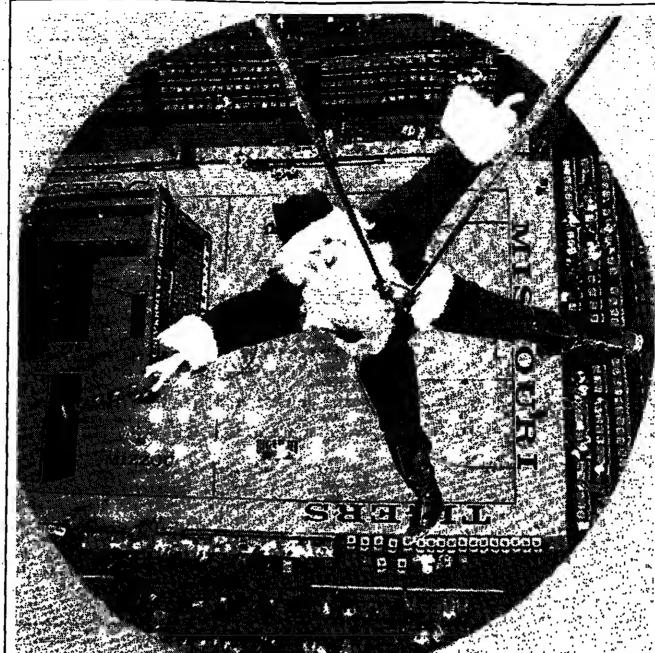
polluting in-state.
"We'd like to play somebody far oference plank against Clemson, Georgia away," Hamilton said.

Hester hit two fluce-pointers in overtime and Kiwane Garris scored 23 points as the

Fighting Illini (8-0) outlasted the Tigers (7-2). Kelly Thames scored a career-high 25 points for Missouri, which stambled against its first ranked opponent. The neu-

tral site game drew a crowd of 21,901, the

largest for basketball in Missouri.



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SANTA SUITS UP - John Hood, a local fire fighter, starting his annual 100-foot descent onto the basketball court at the University of Missouri's Hearnes Center in Columbia before a women's college basketball game.

### Two Surprising Standouts, and a Fight

The Associated Press

It was a night for unlikely beroes in the National Basketball Associatioo.

Trevor Ruffin, who played in Greece before he signed with the Philadelphia 76ers as a free agent Dec. 3, scored a career-high 32 points Wednesday night to

NBA ROUNDUP

lead the 76ers to a 108-104 victory over the Utah Jazz. Ruffin made 9 of 14 shots, including 7-

The Associated Press left and was on the bench when Cincinnati large Abdur-Rahim created plenty of railied. "We made too many mistakes. You entire problems for Cincinnati, and in can't do that against a team like that." Ruffin, whose previous NBA high was 20 bounds as the 76ers won their second points with Phoenix last year. 'I've taken a straight. Vernon Maxwell scored all 15 of long road to get here and I'm

which blew out its six previous opponents. Huggins came away impressed by Abdurrelax and play my game.'

Another unlikely hero came in the form Rahim, who entered as the nation's thirdof Kevin Gamble, forced into a starting role ranked scorer, averaging 27.8 points.

"They're very talented," he said. "Shareef is the best player we've played against.
He's so versatile, he creates problems. He's by injuries to his Miami teammates, who scored a career-high 37 points as the Heat snapped a five-game losing streak with a 112-104 victory over New Jersey. better than I thought he was."
No. 14 Minois 96, No. 15 Missouri 85 Jerry

Gamble, who had been averaging only eight points, said of his injured teammates, Those guys can't help us right now, so we have to step up and carry the load until they

In the less-heroic side of the NBA, Don MacLean matched his career high with 38 points, helping Denver defeat Golden State, 109-104. Bot MacLean also lost part of a tooth when he got involved in a fracas

with Chris Gatling.

MacLean was furious, and remained so after the game - refusing to speak with reporters out of fear he would say something about the officials that would cost him a fine.

But Gatling wasn't nearly so reticent.
"I got him," he said. "It started early. There was pushing and shoving. I took it another step, and I guess he took it another step. He got a good first shot, and I hit him with a forearm and theo with an open palm. Later on, he hit me, but no one saw it."

of-10 from three-point range.

76era 108, Janz 104 in Philadelphia, Jer"I just had the feeling tonight," said ry Stackhouse had 18 points and 15 rehis points in the second half for the 76ers. Karl Malone had 31 points and eight assists for the Jazz, while Jeff Hornacek added 22

> Magic 107, Timberwolves 100 Anfernce Hardaway scored 32 points and Sbaquille O'Neal had 30 as Orlando remained unbeaten at home. Nick Anderson had 21 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists as the Magie improved to 13-0 at Orlando Arena. Christian Laettner led Minnesota with 27 points and 10 rebounds.

> Pacers 109, Lakers 98 In Indianapolis, Rik Smits scored 27 points and Derrick McKey had the first triple-double of his eight-year career for the Pacers. McKey had 17 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists. while Reggie Miller added 21 points for

> > CALVIN AND HOBBES

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A PLANET

Indiana. Nick Van Exel led Los Angeles with 20 points.

Pistons 102, Bucks 77 In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Allan Houston scored 29 points. including consecutive three-pointers during a 10-0 run that put Detroit in control. Otis Thorpe scored 19 points and Grant Hill 17 for the Pistons. Heat 112, Nots 104 In East Rutherford.

New Jersey, Bimbo Coles scored six of his 14 points in overtime as Miami handed the Nets their fourth straight loss. Danny Schayes had 17 points and 16 rebounds, both seasoo highs, for the Heat. The Nets got 26 points from Kenny Andersoo, 25 from Armon Gilliam and a career-high 20 rebounds from Jayson Williams.

Nuggets 109, Warriors 104 In Denver, Dikembe Mutombo hit a hook shot with 13.5 seconds left as the Nuggets held off Goldeo State. The Nuggets, who suited up only nine players and used just seven, squandered a 22-point third-quarter lead and led by only three before Mutombo glided across the lane and made the key hook.

Suns 106, Butlets 104 In Phoenix, coldshooting Charles Barkley made two free throws with 1.8 seconds left in overtime to lift the Suns over Washington. Elliot Perry had 20 points and 12 assists for Phoenix, while Barkley had 26 points and 14 rebounds, although be shot only 2-of-16 from

THEIR LEAF COLLECTION

SHOULD AT LEAST HELP THEM STAY

WARM THEN.

### No. 2 Goalies Spark Buffalo **And Chicago**

The Associated Press

So what if Dominik Hasek couldn't play? Or that Ed Belfour needed a rest? Both No. 1 goaltenders had great backup help as Buffalo beat Montreal, 2-1.

NHL ROUNDUP

and Chicago stopped Toronto, 4-2. Andrei Trefilov, subbing for the injured Hasek, made 37 saves to lead the Sabres' victory. Jeff Hackett, giving Belfour a night off, had 25 saves in Chicago's victory Wednesday.

Trefilov is "a great kid," said the Sabres forward Matthew Barnaby. "He came in over the summer and he's proving he can be a great goalie in this league. To back up Dominik Hasek is a tough thing, but he's doing a great job when we need him." Pat LaFontaine scored two goals to lead

the Sabres, who won their fourth straight and moved one point behind second-place Montreal in the Northeast Division. Hasek is expected back in the lineup Friday night against the Boston Bruins.

Blackhawks 4, Maple Leafs 2 In Toronto, Hackett was a big factor for Chicago as the Blackhawks were outshot, 27-23. The Maple Leafs also used a backup in the game, Damian Rhodes, who was subbing for Felix Potvin.

"Jeff gave us a chance to get going and get some momentum," Chicago's coach, Craig Hartsburg, said. "He played

Tony Amonte, who scored only four goals on 75 shots in his first 31 games, scored two goals on two shots for Chicago Wednesday night, Joe Murphy and Brent Sutter also scored for Chicago.

Doug Gilmour and Kenny Jonsson scored for Toronto, which had won three straight and six of seven games

Flames 3, Whalers 2 Zarley Zalapski had goal and an assist to lead Calgary over Hartford in front of the smallest crowd in the Whalers' franchise history.

Just 6,563 attended the game at the Hartford Civic Center after more than a foot of snow that fell in the past two days. The previous low was 7,232 on Nov. 10, 1993 against Ottawa. Avalanche 4, Oilers 1 Joe Sakic scored

twice on power plays and Peter Forsberg had three assists as Colorado won at Edmontoo.

Sakic sparked the potent power play for the Avalanche — which entered the game ranked secood in the league - wheo he scored his first of two goals at 7:36 of the second period to break a 1-1 tie.

Red Wings 6, Mighty Ducks 1 Steve Yz-erman and Vyacheslav Kozlov each scored twice as Detroit beat Anaheim for its 17th victory in 19 games. Keith Primeau and Martin Lapointe added power-play goals, helping the West-

ern Conference leaders hand the Ducks their third straight loss. Canucks 2, Kings 2 Wayne Gretzky's shot from behind the oet deflected into the goal off Vancouver defenseman Bret Hed-

ican with 1:51 left in the third period, giving Los Angeles a tie with visiting Vancouver. The third straight tie between the teams

allowed the second-place Kings to remain two points ahead of Vancouver in the Pacific Division race.

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The Canucks used Scott Walker's 10foot rebound goal to take a 2-1 advantage with 6:31 to go in the third period. But Gretzky, who earlier had a goal called back, got a chance to square things when he let go of a centering pass from a severe angle to the left of the net. It bounced in off the back of Hedican's left skate for his ninth goal of the season.

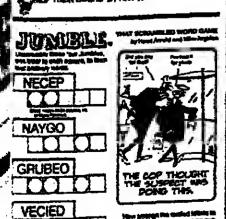
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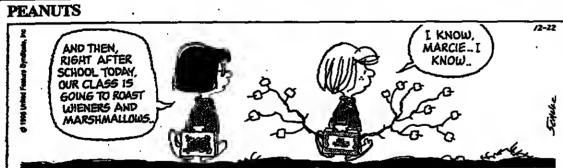


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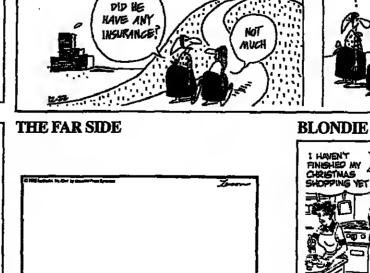
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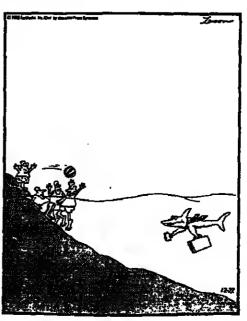


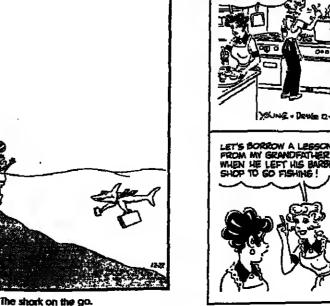














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#### POSTCARD

### African Tannenbaum

By Donald G. McNeil Jr. New York Times Service

TOHANNESBURG — It's Christmastime in South Africa, and that, of course, means surfing, sun and prawn barbecues on the beach. The indigenous nursery," said Anseasons are backward here in drea Hepplewhite, an owner. the Southern Hemisphere, so even if singing 'White Christ- Podocarpus henkelii, or yelmas" wasn't politically felic- lowwood, austerely decorated itous, it would be silly. The last with the gilded seedpods of othtime it snowed on Christmas er indigenous species: ma-

But when it comes to Christ- pod whose name no one can mas-tree fads, South African remember, but it resembles a purists can go fashion-conscious snake that has swallowed three Americans one better. It's not billiard balls. enough for the eco-conscientious here merely to have a live Christmas tree. They must have a live, indigenous Christmas

The traditional Christmas tree has never had much of a nicely. But its "needles" are grip here. For one thing, the pines, firs and cedars of Europe and America are not native to Manhattan office. sub-Saharan Africa. There have been Europeans here since a pine tree, said Barry Duncker, 1652, and they, of course, have a retired engineer and salesplanted trees. But given the fact man, who dug up the proof in that foreign pines grow well on- the nursery's library. "Oh ly in a few of the microclimates, and that most of the population a skeptic who had recently aris African, the Tannenbaum tra-rived from the same hemidition is not tenacious.

Most white South Africans. in fact, use fake Christmas trees. Even Keith Kirsten's, the bestknown, most expensive nursery cones. But they're all the gymin town, hangs its Christmas nosperm family, decor on artificial trees in its Hepplewhite cool entryway while cedrus de- only one reason Northerners odars — European cedars that can survive the climate --- swel-

ter in the parking lot. "They're sharp and spiky," Christmas tree is pro-Brett Hughes, the head horticulturist, said of the deodars. really like them. We also sell makes a great Christmas widdringtonia. They're pretty tree."

but the branches are soft — they don't hold decorations well."

Down the road, the staff at the Witkoppen Wildflowers Nursery can barely conceal their distaste for the species Kirsten sells. "We're a solely

Their Christmas tree is a atop Cape Town's famous hogany, kiaat, rasblaar (''noisy Table Mountain was to 1957. hogany, kiaat, rasblaar (''noisy leaf'' to Afrikaans) and another

> The yellowwood, from the forests of the Indian Ocean coast, has a perfect Christmasy shape and holds decorations thin, rather droopy leaves, like those on a rubber plant in a

> Nonetheless, it is technically pines have leaves," he assured sphere that Santa is said to inhabit

> "They simply have leaves that resemble needles. They have cones, too, though you might not recognize them as

> Hepplewhite thinks there is want balsam-fir look-alikes: brainwashing.

"Your perception of a used a six-foot baobab. An "They'll sell, but people don't olive, or even a thorn tree,

### An International Lesson in Life for Ben Sidran

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

son," jazz versions of Jewish liturgical music, he realized that "you can run from your karma but you can't hide." Sidran is a singer-songwriter-pi-

anist inspired by Hoagy Carmichael. He can be compared to Mose Allison tures vocals in Hebrew by Sidran, Carole King and Lynette Margulies with improvised overdubs by Jewish jazz musicians like Lee Konitz, Bob Berg and Joshua Redman. 1984. Madison, Wisconsin. Sidran

wanted his 5-year old son to become woman who conducted alternate religious services on high holidays for about 30 people in a rented shul. She quoted Martin Buber and played songs on a folk guitar. It was like going to camp.

The woman asked him to accompany the congregation on a beat-up upright piano. They were "plain sim-ple people; it was very hamish." He included his own song "Life's a Lesson" ("you can pass or you can fail it") before the Kaddish. The woman said the song belped people understand that the Kaddish was "about death and

It grew. People began to line up outside. They asked him to make a tape. He kept putting it off. A record producer can't just toss off a tape like that. He would have to produce it.

Producer, media personality and of Wisconsin with rock names Steve Miller and BozScaggs and has played with both. After his doctoral thesis on African American music was published as "Black Talk," he decided he did not want to become a "per-

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manent secondary source." He attacked music primarily.

1989. He took his "Jewish pro-DARIS — Musicians who sell their ject" into a 24-track studio in Min-CDs out of their basement do it neapolis and sang a series of Hebrew because they have no alternative, they songs to a rhythmic click track. Each can't get a record deal. Ben Sidran has song had its own premise. Mike Richbeen avoiding that for 30 years. He mond, bass, Steve Khan, guitar, and always figured that if he couldn't Danny Gottlieb, drums, added make it in the marketplace, be didn't rhythm tracks to the same click. want to make it at all. He's also been avoiding his Jewish identity. "Don't try to play hip." Sidran told them. "This is for your ma. I want it Making his album, "Life's a Les- to swing but don't beboo this stuff."

He was spending his own money.

Meanwhile, a Japanese firm had made him a partner in their Go Jazz record label. He attended a business meeting to a Minneapolis hotel with the Japanese principals and their Euroand Boh Dorough. The album fea- pean distributor, who is German. Discussing his projects, be mentioned a record by the singer Georgie Fame and the tenorman Bob Malach and then, somewhat reluctantly, his Hebrew liturgical-music tape-in-progress.

There was a long pause. He thought they were embarrassed. A Japanese aware of his own culture. He found a executive spoke first: "I think we can get publicity for this in Japan." The Germans went along. Now he had access to a viable budget.

He "schlepped" the tape around

with him ou the road for four years. He'd run into musicians all over the place. "Look Lee," he said to Lee Konitz: "Can you hlow on Eliyahu?" He called Eddie Daniels: "I need your clarinet on 'Avinu Malchenu.' 'He asked Redman, who is black, to play on 'Oseh Shalom': "His mother's Jewish. According to the law of return he's a Jew." Randy Brecker agreed to solo on "B'Rosh Hashana." When he asked Lou Soloff to rec ord 'Kol Nidra," Soloff did not believe him. "No, seriously," he said: "What song are we going to do?"

The cathartic event was when, over

lunch, vibraphonist Mike Mainieri writer, Sidran went to the University said: "I hear you're doing this Jewish

record. I'd like to participate."
"Sorry, man," Sidran replied, somewhat abashed, "but this is for the brothers." Mainieri pulled out a large book about Jews in the Renaissance; Stone, Esquire and others. He hosted



Singer-pianist Sidran: Jazz versions of Jewish liturgical music.

been choking on this," Mainieri said. Sidran choked up himself: "No prob-lem. You're on this record."

After university, Sidran had continued as a parallel "secondary source," writing articles for Rolling he had underlined the name of an a weekly program for National Public

ancestor who had changed his name to Radio called "Sidran on Music" and escape persecution. "All my life, I've the similar-format cable TV show "New Visions." When he began to work on the music for "Hoop Dreams," which be describes as a "hard-core black movie," producer Billy Taylor of the CBS-TV show

trying to avoid an embarrassing sit-uation. Their money wasn't in it with their hearts. I finally concluded that this is an ethically bankrupt busi-So be manufactured 500 copies on his own; then 2,000. So far he has moved 25,000. After 30 years in the

business, avoiding both his Jewish identity and selling CDs from his basement, be winds up doing both.
Still not distributed in the United States, "Life's a Lesson" is available 'from me: PO Box 2023, Madison, Wisconsin, 53701, fax (608) 251-"Sunday Morning" thought that the same guy working on black and Jew-world, one at a time. See? It's true ish projects at the same time was a about the Jewish conspiracy.

good story. A crew followed him

around and they aired a 10-minute

Sidran's band closed George

Wein's Avery Fisher Hall concert

"The Relationship of Blacks and Jews in Jazz," and the influential

Japanese magazine Swing Journal

followed up with a five-page story on

the same subject pegged to Sidran's

album. They ran pictures of people

like Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and Buddy Rich.

distribute. But in America, he says:

"I couldn't give it away." He Fedexed copies of the CD to 12 record company presidents: "I know

them all. They're all Jewish. Every

one of them. And I got just about the same reaction. Something like, 'It's

beautiful music but, sorry, can't help

you. A record in Hebrew just isn't

going to sell. But, hey, can you send

After pointing out that Brazilian

records with songs sung in Por-

tuguese sell gold all the time, he

"It's not that they were embar-

rassed about being Jewish. They're

just not interested in anything that

sells less than 200,000 copies. Period.

At least any rap record has the pos-sibility of making them a million bucks. They didn't want to have to go

into a marketing meeting and say.

'Here's a project that's important to

me. Go out and sell it.' They were

me a few more copies?

leaned back and reflected:

Meanwhile, the company started to

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### WEEKEND SKI REPORT

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applied by the Ski Club of Great Britain.

THE Eagles earned \$63.3 million tour-ing in 1995 — more than all other acts on the concert circuit. The top 50 touring acts grossed \$742 million this year, down from \$1 billion in 1994 but still the third biggest year ever for the industry, the trade publication Polistar reported. Boyz II Men finished second with \$43.2 million, and R.E.M. was third, earning \$38.7 million. The Grateful Dead was fourth, earning \$33.5 million even though the band didn't perform after the death in July of Jerry Garcia.

There Bill Clinton sat, watching his 15year-old daughter, Chelsea, guide a borrowed car along a secluded stretch of road and having the thoughts of thousands of fathers before him: "I was sitting there thinking, you know, it seems like just yesterday I was changing her diapers, and here she is driving me around in a car. You raise them to be good, successful adults. But it's hard to let go." Clinton mused about Chelsea, his only child, in People magazine, which listed him as one of the most intriguing people of the year. "I kid her, you know, that it's O.K. If she leaves home at 25 and gets married at 30. But I'm afraid she's going to leave home a lot before that. She has an interesting life, and I think on the whole she handles it very responsibly."

Donna Hanover Giuliani, the wife of New York's Republican mayor, will play the sister of a Democratic president in the movies. Hanover, a one-time TV newswoman, has been cast as Ruth Carter Stapleton, a Baptist evangelist and sister of Jimmy Carter, in the Milos Forman movie "The People vs. Larry Flynt." "I hope she wins an Academy Award," said her husband, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

John Wayne Bobbitt has been ordered to serve the remaining four months of a five-month sentence he received last year for beating up his former fiancee, a topless dancer. The judge said Bohbitt had skipped too many of the domestic-violence counseling sessions he had been required to attend. Bohbitt claimed be was learning disabled and could not concentrate at the counseling sessions.

#### **PEOPLE**



MICHAEL IN DISNEYLAND — Michael Jackson in Santa's sled with some young tourists at Euro Disneyland. Jackson is staying at the park near Paris.

self-proclaimed "city of good neighbors." The celebrity homemaker left a charity so Harris could co-star. "They were afraid luncheon before signing all the books that were bought. About 1,000 women attendwere bought. About 1,000 women attended. Some of the women complained that this vein pampers that narrowness of they were promised an autograph, and others said the event was overbooked and poorly organized. Stewart said the criticism directed at her was unfounded: Her contract called for a 90-minute book signing. She wrote a letter to The Buffalo News saying she may not be back.

James Earl Jones says that Hollywood is too narrow-minded to portray apartheid from a black point of view but that his new film, "Cry, the Beloved Country," is a step in the right direction. The movie features Jones as a South African minister who forms a bond with a rich white farmer, played by Richard Harris, after their sons

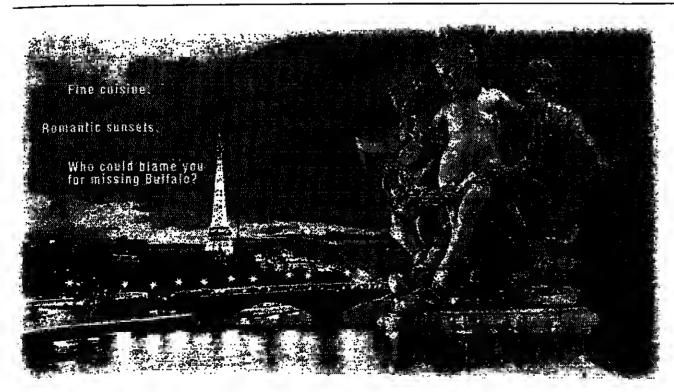
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though the role of the farmer was huilt up

The country singer Doug Stone has been released from a hospital after being treated for a mild heart attack. Stone, 38, said the attack was not related to the quadruplebypass heart surgery he underwent in 1992. He was treated with medicine, and no surgery is planned.

Luciano Pavarotti announced Thursday that a music therapy center would be opened within a year for people affected by the war in Bosnia. "I consider the childeen of Mostar as my brothers in arms," the Martha Stewart is miffed about a chilly reception she got in Buffalo, New York, the reception she got in Buffalo, New York, the said be was pleased with the movie even had been marked by World War II.



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